

2012 ANNUAL REPORTS



for the
**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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THANK YOU to those who protect and serve the residents of Bennington.

Representatives of the following Departments/Agencies:
Clockwise: Gary Russell, Highway Department; John Giffin, Police Department;
Steve Campbell, Emergency Management Director; Michael Roina, Fire Department
Center: Dustin Rogers, United States Army

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CONCORD, NH

TOWN OFFICIALS

of

BENNINGTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven K. Osienski	March 2013
Jeffrey D. Rose	March 2013
James C. Cleary	March 2015

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Karen Bartlett	March 2013
Shelagh M. Clough	March 2014
Jill S. Young	March 2015

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Laurie MacKeigan	March 2013
David McKenzie, Alternate	March 2013
Mary Eppig	March 2014
Victoria Burnham	March 2015

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III	March 2014
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PLANNING BOARD

Christopher Maple	March 2013
David McKenzie, Chair	March 2013
Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio	March 2013
Sam Cohen	March 2014

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Linda Quintanilha	March 2015
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara E. Moorehead	March 2014
Druscilla Cox	March 2016
Victoria Turner, Chair	March 2018

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher	March 2013
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TOWN TREASURER

Thomas S. Belcher	March 2013
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

David Parker	March 2013
Richard Page	March 2014
Valerie Germain	March 2015

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

John Spanos	March 2013
Glenn Wilson.....	March 2014
David Desaulniers	March 2015

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATOR.....Denise P. French

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER..... Peter Hopkins, Retired
..... Dario Carrara

CHIEF OF POLICE..... C. Stephen Campbell

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director C. Stephen Campbell
Assistant Director Kristie J. LaPlante

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Michael C. Roina

HEALTH OFFICER Lise Lemieux

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER Dario Carrara

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR.....Debra Davidson

ROAD AGENT.....Gary Russell

TAX COLLECTOR Kristie J. LaPlante

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER Joyce L. Miner

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
John Baybutt	2013
Melissa Clark.....	2013
Harvey Goodwin.....	2013
Richard Reed	2013
Debra Whitney	2013
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE	
James Cleary	2013
Harvey Goodwin.....	2013
Joseph MacGregor.....	2013
Robyn Manley	2013
Steven Osienski	2013
Jeffrey Rose	2013

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dennis McKenney	2013
Joseph MacGregor	2014
Jon Manley	2014
John Baybutt, Chair	2015
Valerie Germain	2015

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell	2013
Kristie LaPlante	2013
Joseph MacGregor	2013
Richard Reed, Chair	2013
Michael Roina	2013
Gary Russell	2013

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell	2013
Gary Russell	2013

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Gretchen Hutton	2013
Brian Whittemore, Alternate	2013
David Parker	2014
David Baker	2015

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Benjamin Billings	2013
David Parker	2013
Gary Russell	2013

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Clough, Vice Chair	2013
Peter Martel, Chair	2013
John Paradise, Alternate	2013
Melissa Clark, Alternate	2014
Sam Cohen	2014
Barbara Moorehead	2014
Steven Osienski	2015

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, Peter Martel, David McKenzie

BUILDING/FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Cleary, Peter Martel, Bruce Nixon, Rhea Taylor

BENNINGTON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified in accordance with RSA 40:13, the First Session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.**
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.**

The Second Session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town, to act upon the following:

(Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of repealing **Article VII** (General Requirements), **K.3** of the Zoning Ordinance? The section to be repealed reads as follows:

No structure or building shall be erected on a non-conforming lot of record unless the septic system requirements of the State of New Hampshire are complied with.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

3. Are you in favor of repealing **Article VII** (General Requirements), **K.4** of the Zoning Ordinance? The section to be repealed reads as follows:

In the event two contiguous non-conforming lots of record are in common ownership and do not individually meet the district requirements for setback and other requirements not involving area and frontage they shall be deemed to constitute a single lot for the purpose of complying with this Ordinance and shall not be sold or transferred as separate lots.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

4. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.5** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

One portable sign of area no larger than 10 square feet is permitted per legally established business. A portable sign is any sign that is not firmly and permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent structure.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

5. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.9** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

One on-premises sign is permitted for any legally established business. If more than one legally established business exists on a lot, each is permitted to have at most one (1) freestanding sign and one (1) sign attached to the building. Freestanding signs must all be mounted on the same freestanding structure.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

6. Are you in favor of amending **Article IX** (Signs), **B.12** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

No freestanding sign or freestanding sign structure shall exceed 16 feet in height.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

7. Are you in favor of amending **Article X** (Water Resource Protection Zone), **5** of the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Density and Use

- A. Impervious surfaces shall not exceed 20 percent of any lot in the Water Resource Protection Zone.
- B. For lots in the Water Resource Protection Zone that are not served by both public water and public sewer, the minimum lot size shall be three (3) acres.
- C. For lots in the Water Resource Protection Zone that are not served by both public water and public sewer, usage is restricted to one (1) single-family residence or one (1) commercial building per three (3) acres per lot.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred twenty three thousand five hundred seventy nine dollars (**\$1,523,579**)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million five hundred ten thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars (\$1,510,984) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (**\$3,000**) for the purchase of replacement computers for the Town Clerk's Office? This is a non-lapsing appropriation which shall not lapse until the purchase is complete or December 31, 2018 whichever comes first.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

10. Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for Fire Department Protective Gear and raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?

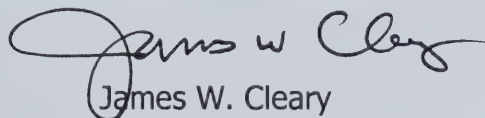
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
23. Shall the Town authorize the discontinuance of the Emergency Radios Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 and transfer to the General Fund any balance remaining (\$.10 at December 31, 2012) in this Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Trustees of Trust Funds)
24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

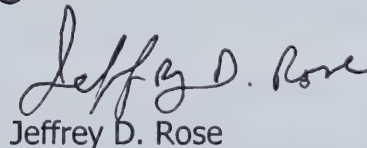
27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
28. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
29. Shall the Town vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustment are filled, from appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673:3, II, to elected?

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

Steven K. Osienski

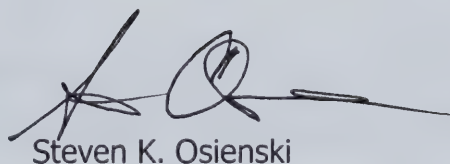


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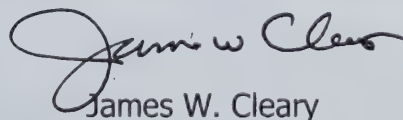


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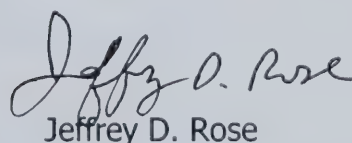
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Steven K. Osienski



James W. Cleary



Jeffrey D. Rose

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

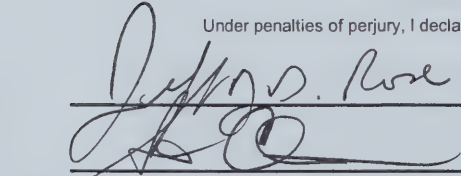
1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
 2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
 3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

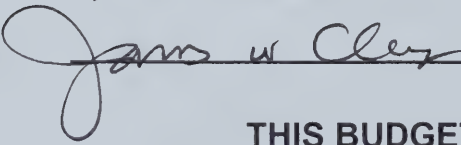
This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): January 28, 2013

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.





THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive		128,726	120,003	131,704	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		40,195	38,916	36,102	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		35,279	44,714	36,179	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	0	0	
4153	Legal Expense		8,000	4,407	7,200	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		231,443	223,490	232,132	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,300	4,823	7,100	
4194	General Government Buildings		24,001	28,880	26,001	
4195	Cemeteries		7,130	5,798	8,750	
4196	Insurance		24,500	23,242	24,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	0	0	
4199	Other General Government		8,950	10,526	10,250	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police		223,844	236,140	227,925	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		75,320	70,170	73,450	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,249	1,503	4,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,750	930	2,750	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		0	0	0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration		172,357	171,826	172,786	
4312	Highways & Streets		128,000	103,279	128,000	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting		10,300	10,192	10,300	
4319	Other		0	0	0	
SANITATION						
4321	Administration		28,516	28,714	29,000	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,919	801	1,919	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		69,060	64,305	64,060	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		35,900	30,322	35,900	

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration		30,300	31,855	30,620	
4332	Water Services		29,500	27,468	34,900	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		4,000	3,156	4,000	
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-	
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-	
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-	
HEALTH						
4411	Administration		500	277	500	
4414	Pest Control		550	450	550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,891	6,191	5,891	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,031	14,081	13,031	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts		750	525	750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,101	5,787	5,101	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		31,000	28,606	33,600	
4550-4559	Library		102,936	99,332	104,456	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	518	700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,400	2,400	2,400	
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	0	675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	0	500	
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		-	-	-	
4651-4659	Economic Development		-	-	-	
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4,740	4,740	4,740	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		471	442	157	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	5,082	3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0	

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land		-		-	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-	
4903	Buildings		-	-	-	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-	
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-	
	- Sewer		-	-	-	
	- Water		-	-	-	
	- Electric		-	-	-	
	- Airport		-	-	-	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-	
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1,509,784	1,461,891	1,523,579	

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or a

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article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
	Property Revaluation	11	0	0	25,000	
	Highway Equipment	12	30,000	30,000	20,000	
	Police Cruiser	13	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Road Rehabilitation	14	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Town Buildings	15	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Water	16	10,000	10,000	5,000	
	Sewer	17	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	Highway Truck	18	5,000	5,000	15,000	
	Library	19	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Mower	20	2,500	2,500	2,500	
	Fire Truck	21	25,000	25,000	15,000	
	Rescue Vehicle	22	0	0	5,000	
	Fire Department Breathing Apparatus		10,000	10,000	0	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			157,500	157,500	162,500	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4962	Bridge Replacement Gross Appropriation		1,350,000	1,350,000	0	
	Transportation Enhancement Gross Appropriation		596,000	596,000	0	
	Contoocook Housing Trust		300	300	0	
	Contoocook Valley Transportation		500	500	0	
	Grapevine Family Center		5,000	5,000	0	
	American Red Cross		681	681	0	
	Court Appointed Special Advocates		500	500	0	
	Compactor Replacement		16,100	14,425	0	
4963	Town Clerk Computers	9	0	0	3,000	
	Fire Department Protective Gear	10	0	0	5,000	
	Grapevine Family Center	24	0	0	5,000	
	American Red Cross	25	0	0	500	
	Contoocook Valley Transportation	26	0	0	500	
	Court Appointed Special Advocates	27	0	0	500	
	Contoocook Housing Trust	28	0	0	300	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			1,969,081	1,967,406	14,800	

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		500	0	2,500
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Yield Taxes		3,000	6,432	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		49,000	42,050	48,000
	Inventory Penalties		6,000	7,244	7,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		800	833	850
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		300	415	300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		195,000	202,909	200,000
3230	Building Permits		3,000	2,422	3,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	5,964	6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		10,000	48,570	10,000
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		66,000	65,755	66,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		40,000	39,477	40,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Grants)		1,691,800	1,700,701	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		6,000	902	2,000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		10,000	10,045	500
3502	Interest on Investments		200	0	100
3503-3509	Other		30,000	16,550	20,000

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		35,000	32,763	33,000
	Water - (Offset)		62,000	61,692	62,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		140,200	140,200	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		0	912	750
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance		0	0	0
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			2,355,300	2,386,336	506,500

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,509,784	1,523,579
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	157,500	162,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	1,969,081	14,800
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,636,365	1,700,879
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,355,300	506,500
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,281,065	1,194,379

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

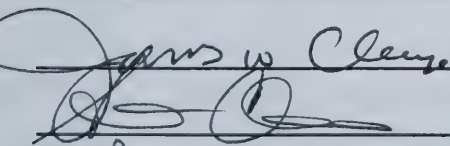
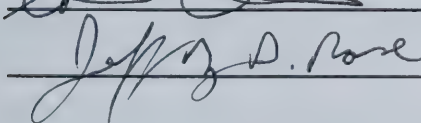
1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)230-5090

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2013

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	128,726	0	0	128,726
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	40,195	-5,665	0	34,530
4150-4151	Financial Administration	35,279	0	0	35,279
4152	Revaluation of Property	0	0	0	0
4153	Legal Expense	8,000	0	0	8,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	231,443	6,925	0	238,368
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,300	0	0	7,300
4194	General Government Buildings	24,001	0	0	24,001
4195	Cemeteries	7,130	0	0	7,130
4196	Insurance	24,500	0	0	24,500
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	0	0	0	0
4199	Other General Government	8,950	948	0	9,898
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	223,844	1,806	0	225,650
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000	0	0	8,000
4220-4229	Fire	75,320	0	0	75,320
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4,249	0	0	4,249
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750	0	0	2,750
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	0	0	0	0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	0	0	0	0
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Administration	172,357	0	2,500	169,857
4312	Highways & Streets	128,000	0	0	128,000
4313	Bridges	0	0	0	0
4316	Street Lighting	10,300	0	0	10,300
4319	Other	0	0	0	0
SANITATION					
4321	Administration	28,516	0	0	28,516
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,919	0	0	1,919
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	69,060	0	0	69,060
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	0	0	0	0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	35,900	0	0	35,900

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2013

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
4331	Administration	30,300	0	0	30,300
4332	Water Services	29,500	0	0	29,500
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other	4,000	0	0	4,000
ELECTRIC					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	0	0	0	0
4353	Purchase Costs	0	0	0	0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0	0
4359	Other Electric Costs	0	0	0	0
HEALTH					
4411	Administration	500	0	0	500
4414	Pest Control	550	0	0	550
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,891	0	0	5,891
WELFARE					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	11,031	0	0	11,031
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	750	0	0	750
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5,101	0	0	5,101
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	31,000	0	0	31,000
4550-4559	Library	102,936	0	0	102,936
4583	Patriotic Purposes	700	0	0	700
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,400	0	0	2,400
CONSERVATION					
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	675	0	0	675
4619	Other Conservation	500	0	0	500
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	0	0	0	0
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740	0	0	4,740
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	471		314	157
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	0	0	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0	0	0	0

Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY 2013

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land	0	0	0	0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	0	0	0	0
4903	Buildings	0	0	0	0
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	0	0	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
4914	To Enterprise Fund	0	0	0	0
	Sewer-	0	0	0	0
	Water-	0	0	0	0
	Electric-	0	0	0	0
	Airport-	0	0	0	0
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	0	0	0	0
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	0	0	0	0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		1,509,784	4,014	2,814	1,510,984

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4155	NH Retirement System Mandate	4140	Three less elections in 2013
4199	Contract - Information Technology	4311	2012 radio mandate
4210	Contracts - Prosecutor and Police Dispatch	4721	Sewer Bond declining interest

FORM

MS - 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

FORM MS-1 FOR 2012

Municipal Services Division

PO BOX 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 230-5950

E-mail Address: equalization@rev.state.nh.us

2012

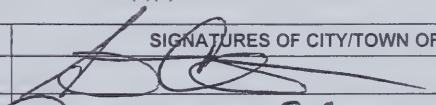
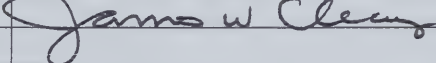
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CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
STEVEN K. OSIENSKI	
JAMES W. CLEARY	
JEFFREY D. ROSE	

*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Date Signed September 26, 2012 Check one: Governing Body ☒ Assessors ☐

City/Town Telephone # 588-2189 Due date: **September 1, 2012**

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions tab for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO:

N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
PO BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer: DENISE FRENCH (Print/type) E-Mail Address: office@townofbennington.c

FOR DRA USE ONLY

Regular office hours: MON-THURS 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

See instructions on page 10, as needed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
 FORM MS-1 FOR 2012

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LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E, F & G List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving Lines 2 A, B, C, D & E List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2012 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4			
A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)		4,652.31	442,800
B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		0.00	0
C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		0.00	0
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		0.00	0
E Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F		0.00	0
F Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		1,863.11	28,231,300
G Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Utility Land)		160.24	2,305,200
H Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)		6,675.66	30,979,300
I Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land		284.63	1,989,200
2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B			72,106,200
A Residential			
B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			1,880,900
C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)			7,369,500
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	0	0
E Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	# of Structures	0	0
F Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E)			81,356,600
G Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings			6,029,900
3 UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)			
A Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			2,499,600
B Other Utilities (Total of Section B From Utility Summary)			3,500,000
4 MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			0
5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			118,335,500
6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)		Total # granted 0	0
7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V		Total # granted 0	0
8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		Total # granted 0	0
9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 maximum for each)		Total # granted 0	0
10 Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		Total # granted 0	0
11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.			118,335,500
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37		Total # granted 0 Amount granted per exemption 0	0
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b		Total # granted 19	1,025,000
14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b		Total # granted 0 Amount granted per exemption 0	0
15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b		Total # granted 0 Amount granted per exemption 0	0

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16 Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17 Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV	Total # granted	0	0
20 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			1,025,000
21 NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			117,310,500
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed on Line 3B.			2,499,600
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			114,810,900

Additional notes (example: update, reval, changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value, etc.)

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include **ONLY** the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See instructions page 11)

WHO APPRAISES AND ESTABLISHES THE UTILITY VALUE IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY?

Commerford Neider Perkins

DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?

YES ☐NO ☒

IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box, if applicable)

YES ☐NO ☐

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES:

(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See instruction page 11)

**2012
VALUATION**

PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.

2,499,600

A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:

2,499,600

(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)

GAS COMPANIES

A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED:

0

(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES

A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED:

0

(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2 AND A3).

This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

2,499,600

SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies):

(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

**2012
VALUATION**

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC

3,500,000

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B:

3,500,000

Total must agree with total on Page 2, Line 3B.

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	500	66	32,750
RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	700	0	0
RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	2,000	1	2,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		67	34,750

* If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.
* If someone is living at a residence such as brother & sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:37-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE 0
	MARRIED	0	MARRIED 0

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:38-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE 0
	MARRIED	0	MARRIED 0

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0	25,000	65 - 74	5	125,000	125,000
75 - 79	0	50,000	75 - 79	6	300,000	300,000
80 +	0	75,000	80 +	8	600,000	600,000
			TOTAL	19		1,025,000
INCOME LIMITS:		27,500	ASSET LIMIT:		75,000	
		39,500			75,000	

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE - RSA 79-E			
ADOPTED:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NUMBER ADOPTED 0

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CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	162.43	51,478	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,649.50
FOREST LAND	1,271.57	150,941	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT TAX YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,917.36	234,161		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.30	837		
WET LAND	257.65	5,383	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	78
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,652.31	442,800	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	146

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1, 2011 THRU DEC. 31, 2011).	0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION: PERCENTAGE 0 % AND/OR DOLLAR AMOUNT	0
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND	0
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND	0

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0.00	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0.00
FOREST LAND	0.00	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0.00	0		
WET LAND	0.00	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0
TOTAL	0.00	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.)
0.00	0	
ASSESSED VALUATION		
0		

TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES & LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES - RSA 79-F

TOTAL NUMBER GRANTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
0	0	0.00	0	0

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DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.; Barns, Silos etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
0		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES		
0.00		
ASSESSED VALUATION		
0 L/O		
0 B/O		
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS		
0		

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See Tax Increment Finance Dist Tab for instructions)				
Date of Adoption/Modification				
A Original assessed value				
B + Unretained captured assessed value				
C = Amounts used on page 2 (for tax rate purposes)				
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running your warrant)				
E Current assessed value				

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes	
		Number of Acres	
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357.	0	0.00	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186.	0	0.00	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	500		Town of Antrim
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
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TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 500		

* RSA 362-A:6, was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are also taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 230-5950.

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1**

AND

MARCH 13, 2012 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2012 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for George Cote, Charles Zabriskie, Gary Langlois, and Herb Flanders. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, briefly explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 13, 2012 at Saint Patrick's Church in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the seventh of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the thirteenth of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: the casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all the necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. The March 13, 2012 election results are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)	James W. Cleary
Moderator (2 years)	John J. Cronin III
Treasurer (1 year)	Thomas S. Belcher
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Jill S. Young
Cemetery Trustee (1 year)	Karen M. Bartlett
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)	Valerie Germain
Trustee of Trust Funds (1 year)	David Parker
Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	David Desaulniers
Library Trustee (3 years)	Victoria Burnham
Library Trustee (2 years)	Mary D.F. Eppig
Planning Board (3 years)	Jeffrey D. Rose
Planning Board (1 year)	David L. McKenzie
Supervisor of Checklist (6 years)	Victoria L. Turner
School Board Member (3 years)	Linda Quintanilha

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 918 registered voters. During Election Day 9 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 927 voters. A total of 341 cast their ballots in this election, which was a 36% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 30 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB-2), as adopted by the Town of Bennington on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article noting that this was requested by the public to return to Town Meeting structure. Mary Eppig asked if this could be tagged recommended by the Selectman. It may not. Victoria Turner noted that articles from the budget process need input from the citizens, however at this time we have a higher percentage of voters that attend the polls. There are RSA's that allow towns to move the second session election to April. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-148 NO- 185
THIS ARTICLE FAILED

3. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a (attached), "Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both"? If adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town.

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting the difficulty to accept property at this time. Selectman Cuddemi also noted that this article would authorize the Selectmen to accept property with the review from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Public hearings and warrant articles would occur in the event of the Town purchasing property. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES- 151 NO-161
THIS ARTICLE FAILED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred nine thousand seven hundred eighty four dollars (\$1,509,784)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million four hundred eighty six thousand fifty six dollars (\$1,486,056), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting the cost of operation for 2012 and the Boards efforts to keep costs down. Christopher Maple questioned why the financial administration almost double. This was due to cost for accessing, treasurer salary increase, contract to re-assess utilities in Town which in turn would result in an increase of revenues. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-188 NO-147
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,350,000) for the replacement of the shared Antrim/Bennington bridge? Of the \$1,350,000 appropriation, up to \$1,080,000 will come from State Bridge Aid, \$135,000 will come from the Town of Antrim, \$75,000 will come from the existing Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and \$60,000 (requested herewith) will be funded from general taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2017 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article noting the bridge timeline handout. The amount requested is the final amount needed to start the project. The abutments on the bridge need to be replaced and if not done the bridge will fail inspection sometime in the future and the road will need to be closed. The bidding process will start in the late fall. The plan is for Antrim and Bennington to replace the three bridges on that road at the same time. Antrim has already raised their portion for the project. If this article is not approved, Bennington will lose the 80% funding from the State grant that was obtained. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS YES- 260 NO-74
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ninety six thousand dollars (\$596,000) for Phase Two of the Transportation Enhancement Project? Of the \$596,000 appropriation, \$476,800 will come from Federal funds, \$65,200 will come from the existing Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund and \$54,000 (requested herewith) will be funded from general taxation. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2017 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.

Note: Selectman Germain presented an amendment to this article requesting to add the following words to come after the last sentence: "This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2017 or until the project is completed whichever comes first." Selectman Osienski made a motion to move the article as amended. The amendment was seconded and the article was accepted as amended.

JB Mack from Southwest Regional Planning Commission/transportation engineer spoke to the article referencing the timeline handout. This project will include drainage upgrades, sidewalks, and crosswalks. There is a seven-year waiting list for any additional State funds. If the article is not approved, the grant money will go to another town. With or without the grant, the Town needs to replace sidewalks, if the article is not approved, Bennington will have to pay 100% of the project cost.

There being no other amendments presented, the article was accepted as amended.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES- 182 NO-153
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting this is a line item for the Highway department to be used for replacing the loader/backhoe. Road Agent Gary Russell noted that the current loader is eleven years old and used almost every day. They are requesting an increase in this line item and reducing the capital reserve money for the truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS YES- 213 NO-120
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$16,100) for the purchase of a replacement compactor for the Transfer Station?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting that the compactor is 15/16 years old and was bought used. The compactor has to be emptied often as it holds 7 tons; a new compactor will hold 13 tons, this would result in fewer hauls being needed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS YES-242 NO-96
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski invited Police Chief Campbell to speak to this article. Chief Campbell noted that this would be putting money into reserve and that they would not be replacing the cruiser this year due to the Crown Victoria being replaced earlier this year after it was totaled. There is currently \$10,000 in Reserve Funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-169 NO-164
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to this article noting the on-going road improvements that have taken place in the last two to three years. Selectman Germain noted that the Hazardous Mitigation Committee received a grant from FEMA for work on Bible Hill Road. There is currently \$35,000 in Reserve Funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-222 NO-114
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to this article noting that there are many buildings in town that are in need of maintenance. There is around \$17,000 in Reserve Funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-195 NO-141
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to this article noting that the problems with the water system in Town have been fixed. Water Commissioner Glenn Wilson noted that the pump station is in need of major repairs and a new roof. They are looking into the possibilities of obtaining a grant to place fencing around the holding tank on route 47. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-185 NO-149
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to this article noting that it is less than they asked for last year due to an increase in the amount needed for a loader. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-214 NO-121
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to this article noting that there was a model in the back of the room for either a future building or addition that was made ten years ago. Librarian Leslie MacGregor noted repairs needed for safety issues include windows, sash, roof, and energy recommendations. There is currently \$38,258 in Reserve Funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-192 NO-147
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to this article noting that for the last twenty-five years a resident in town has been allowing the town to use his mower. The money would be for a new mower that the town would own. There is currently \$8,415 in Reserve Funds. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-183 NO-151
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center- a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi thanked the Resource Center for their services. Kristen Vance spoke to the article noting that this resource provides family services to the town. Approximately 315 residents from Bennington were served last year. The Center has increased the amount they are seeking due to state decreases in funding. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-211 NO-127
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighty one dollars (\$681) in support of the American Red Cross- a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to this article noting that this is an annual article and that the American Red Cross is a great cause that does amazing work. They were able to hold several blood drives in Town last year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-228 NO-107
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company- a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to this article noting that this is a program to help elderly and disabled public by providing services such as bus transportation. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-201 NO-132
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates- a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi introduced this article. John Cronin III spoke to the article noting the value of the program and urging the Town to support this article as this organization has been effected by State cuts in funding which has resulted in an impact for funding for Guardian et Litem. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-202 NO-134
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to this article noting that this organization provides rental assistance for working families. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-200 NO-134
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to this article noting that SCBA's are essential equipment that is needed for the Fire Department and that several of the SCBA's in service are in need of being replaced. In the past the Fire Department has been able to replace SCBA's with grant money. Selectman Osienski also thanked the members of the Fire Department that were present for their services. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-210 NO-124
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to this article noting that the Town currently must special order fire trucks as the station is too small for new engines. Fire Chief Allan Wilson noted that the tanker is scheduled to be replaced in 2018 and that it is estimated to cost between \$250,000 to \$275,000. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-186 NO-149
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to this article noting that there is currently \$55,077 in Reserve Funds. The lagoon in Antrim is due to be dredged in 2013, in which Bennington is responsible for 25% of the cost. Water Commissioner Glenn Wilson noted that it is estimated to cost \$500,000 total to dredge the lagoon, the cost is split with Antrim. Scott Liljeberg asked why the Town did not appropriate money for this Reserve Fund last year. Capital Reserve Commissioner Joseph MacGregor noted that this a fund that the committee discusses annually and there had not been a set date for the dredge to occur and they felt it was appropriate in the past to keep the appropriations for this fund minimal in the past in order for it to pass. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/13/12 RESULTS: YES-182 NO-149
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Leslie MacGregor thanked Lisa Shingler for her 23 years volunteering at the library and 11 years serving as a trustee.

Selectman Cuddemi thanked Selectman Germain for his 10 years of service as a Selectman and service on numerous committees.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett
Assistant Town Clerk
Bennington

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: MARCH 13, 2012

Town Of: BENNINGTON

County: HILLSBOROUGH

Mailing Address: 7 SCHOOL STREET #101, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03442

Phone #: 588-2189 Fax #: 588-8005 E-Mail: townadministrator@townofbennington.com

Certificate of Appropriations

(To be Completed After each Annual and Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Date: April 18, 2012

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive		128726	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		40195	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		35279	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		8000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		231443	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7300	
4194	General Government Buildings		24001	
4195	Cemeteries		7130	
4196	Insurance		24500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	16, 17, 18, 19, 20	6981	
4199	Other General Government		8950	
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police		223844	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8000	
4220-4229	Fire		75320	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4249	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2750	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER				
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311	Administration		172357	
4312	Highways & Streets	6	724000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		10300	
4319	Other		0	
SANITATION				
4321	Administration		28516	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1919	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	8	85160	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		35900	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT				
4331	Administration		30300	
4332	Water Services		29500	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		4000	
ELECTRIC				
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH				
4411	Administration		500	
4414	Pest Control		550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5891	
WELFARE				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11031	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5101	
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		31000	
4550-4559	Library		102936	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2400	
CONSERVATION				
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		0	
4651-4659	Economic Development		0	
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4740	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		471	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs	5	1350000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	
4914	To Proprietary Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund 7,9,10,12,13,14,15,21,22,23		142500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	11	15000	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds		0	
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			3636365	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division 2012 Tax Rate Calculation

File
11/7/12

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

Gross Appropriations	3,636,365
Less: Revenues	2,477,587
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	5,105
War Service Credits	34,750

No Audit Received - RSA 41:31-d

Net Town Appropriation	1,198,633
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,198,633
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TOWN RATE
10.22

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget:			
Gross Approp. - Revenue	0	0	0
Regional School Apportionment			2,920,268
Less: Education Grant			(1,321,749)

Education Tax (from below)	(249,094)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,349,425

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
11.50

EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.390	
104,223,232		249,094
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
114,810,900		

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.17

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	118,456
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	118,456
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COUNTY RATE
1.01

TOTAL RATE
24.90

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,915,608
Less: War Service Credits	(34,750)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,880,858

PROOF OF RATE

Local Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	2.17	249,094
All Other Taxes	22.73	2,666,514
		2,915,608

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in the accompanying Form MS-5. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements, Form MS-5, are presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

February 16, 2013

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OR CITY BUDGET

Enter TOWN/CITY Name Here >

Bennington

Enter Calendar Reporting Year Here >

2012

(January 1 to December 31)

Enter Optional Reporting Year Here >

n/a

(July 1 to June 30)

DOES THE TOWN/CITY ACCOUNT FOR SOME
EXPENDITURES AS PROPRIETARY FUNDS OR
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS?

Yes

Enter Yes or No in box above & see instructions.

Enter town or city name in cell C5 and calendar reporting year for this report in C7 (optional reporting year in cell C9).

In cell C12 enter yes if the municipality accounts for some expenditures as proprietary or capital project funds.

State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Municipal Services Division

P.O. Box 487

Concord, NH 03302-0487

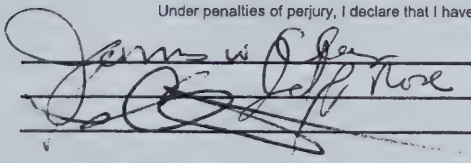
Telephone: (603) 230-5090

Return Completed Form By April 1 For Calendar Fiscal Year and By September 1 for Optional Fiscal Year

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Date Signed: February 20, 2013

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.



PREPARER

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer (Please print or type)

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

Signature

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

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MS-5

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See accompanying independent accountant's compilation report

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Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL = show detail below				
4130-4139	Executive	128,726		119,796
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	40,195		38,713
4150-4151	Financial Administration	35,279		33,948
4152	Property Assessment			
4153	Legal Expense	8,000		3,848
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	231,443		228,047
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,300		4,814
4194	General Government Buildings	24,001		28,760
4195	Cemeteries	7,130		5,798
4196	Insurance	24,500		23,242
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government	8,950		10,526
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL = show detail below				
4210-4214	Police	223,844	8,727	234,626
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000		8,000
4220-4229	Fire	75,320		70,197
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4,249		1,353
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750		930
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER TOTAL = show detail below				
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS TOTAL = show detail below				
4311	Administration	172,357		174,759
4312	Highways & Streets	724,000		105,113
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	10,300		10,186
4319	Other			
SANITATION TOTAL = show detail below				
4321	Administration	28,516		28,764
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,919	1,885	2,687
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	85,160		77,109
4325	Solid Waste Facility Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	35,900		30,229
Page Sub-Totals		1,887,839	10,612	1,241,445

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)
4210-4214	Appropriations accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b - \$8,727
4323	Appropriations accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b - \$1,885

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1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT = show detail below				
4331	Administration	30,300		31,800
4332	Water Services	29,500		27,915
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	4,000		3,156
ELECTRIC = show detail below				
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
HEALTH = show detail below				
4411	Administration	500		277
4414	Pest Control	550		450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	12,872		13,172
WELFARE = show detail below				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	11,031		14,117
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	750		525
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5,101		5,787
CULTURE & RECREATION = show detail below				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	31,000		29,087
4550-4559	Library	102,936		100,381
4583	Patriotic Purposes	700		518
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,400		2,400
CONSERVATION = show detail below				
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675		
4619	Other Conservation	500		
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			
4651-4659	Economic Development			
DEBT SERVICE = show detail below				
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740		4,740
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	471		442
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000		5,082
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
Page Sub-Totals		241,026	0	239,849

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)

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1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
CAPITAL OUTLAY show detail below				
4901	Land			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	1,350,000	304,684	143,811
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT show detail below				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		114,000	114,000
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	- Sewer			
	- Water			
	- Electric			
	- Airport			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	142,500		142,500
4916	To Expend.Trust Fund - not #4917	15,000		15,000
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Fiduciary Funds			
	Page Sub-Totals	1,507,500	418,684	415,311
	Total Local Expenditure Sub-Totals	3,636,365	429,296	1,896,605
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
4931	Taxes Assessed for County			118,456
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village Dist.			
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Educ.			1,349,425
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Educ.			249,094
4939	Payments to Other Governments			
Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds, or Capital Project Funds		(1,946,000)	(304,684)	(143,811)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		1,690,365	124,612	3,469,769

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)
4909	Appropriations accepted in accordance with RSA 31:95b - \$304,684
4913	Authorized General Fund transfer to capital project funds per Article #5 (\$60,000) and Article #6 (\$54,000)

NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate. Full disclosure of those appropriations and offsetting revenues are required on this report.
NOTE: Those amounts accounted for in proprietary, or other funds are subtracted from this report for purposes of general fund balance sheet disclosure.
 See Page 10 for revolving funds and the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds.

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1	2	3	4
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues Used to Set Tax Rate	Actual Revenues
TAXES			
3110	Property Taxes (commitment less overlay)		2,869,802
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	500	
3121	Land Use Change Taxes - Conservation Fund		
3180	Resident Taxes		
3185	Timber Taxes	4,000	6,432
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	500	500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	833	833
3189	Other Taxes		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	42,050
	Inventory Penalties	6,000	
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	500	415
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	210,000	202,909
3230	Building Permits	3,000	2,422
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,000	5,984
3311-3319	From Federal Government	40,000	1,992
FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenues		
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	65,765	65,755
3353	Highway Block Grant	39,477	39,477
3354	Water Pollution Grant		
3355	Housing & Community Development		
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	1,573,400	123,658
3379	From Other Governments	135,000	11,756
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	7,500	6,474
3409	Other Charges		94,486
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	10,000	10,045
3502	Interest on Investments		
3503-3509	Other	22,000	16,453
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		
3914	From Enterprise Funds		
	Sewer - (Offset)	35,000	
	Water - (Offset)	62,000	
	Electric - (Offset)		
	Airport - (Offset)		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	140,200	10,758
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	912	912
3917	Transfers from Conservation Fund		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes		
Less Proprietary Funds, Special Revenue Funds, or Capital Project Funds		(1,946,000)	(135,116)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE		456,587	3,377,957

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate. Full disclosure of those appropriations and offsetting revenues are required on this report. Those revenues accounted for in proprietary or other funds are subtracted from this report for purposes of general fund balance sheet disclosure. See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue funds, or capital project funds. Also see supplemental schedule on page 10.

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General Fund Balance Sheet for Town/City of		Bennington	2012
		or Optional Reporting Year = n/a	
A. ASSETS	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year
Current assets	(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	439,100	469,822
b. Investments	1030		
c. Restricted Assets			
d. Taxes receivable	1080	205,293	264,632
e. Tax liens receivable	1110	154,940	173,251
f. Accounts receivable	1150	6,046	8,182
g. Due from other governments	1260	44,091	3,856
h. Due from other funds	1310	25,994	49,296
i. Other current assets	1400		
j. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
TOTAL ASSETS		875,464	969,039
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year
Current liabilities	(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	33,331	31,343
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	474	444
e. Due to school districts	2075	610,024	796,038
f. Due to other funds	2080	400	3,900
g. Deferred revenue	2220	3,371	1,262
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		647,600	832,987
Fund equity			
a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450		
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460		
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490		19,000
e. Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	227,864	117,052
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		227,864	136,052
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		875,464	969,039

Note: To be GASB 54 compliant, the fund balance classifications have changed. See tab called Fund Balance Explanation.

NOTE: NH law requires all municipalities to gross appropriate, but this balance sheet only reflects the general fund.
See the municipality's audited financials for more information on proprietary funds, special revenue, or capital project funds.

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MS-5	RECONCILIATION (to assist in balance sheet preparation)				
A. GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET RECONCILIATION					
	Total Revenues From Page 5		3,377,957		
	Less Expenditures From Page 4		3,469,769		
	Increase (decrease)		(91,812)		
	Ending Fund Equity From Balance Sheet		136,052		These cells should be equal
	Less Beginning Fund Equity From Balance Sheet		227,864		
	Increase (decrease)		(91,812)		
B. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY ACCT. #2075			Amount		
	1. School district liability at beg. of year (From balance sheet Acct # 2075, column b)			610,024	
	2. ADD: School district assessment for current year			1,598,519	
	3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)			2,208,543	
	4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district		<	1,412,505	>
	(To balance sheet Acct # 2075, column c)			796,038	
C. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES			Amount		
	1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	\$		- 0 -	
	2. ADD: New issues during current year			400,000	
	3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year		<	400,000	>
	4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (To balance sheet in Acct # 2230, column c)			- 0 -	
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Reporting Year = 2012 Op FY Reporting Year = n/a

AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (including proprietary and capital project funds)

(a) Description	(b) Original obligation	(c) Purpose	(d) Annual installment	(e) Interest rate	(f) Date of final payment	(g) Bonds o/s at beginning of year	(h) Bonds issued this year	(i) Bonds retired this year	(j) Bonds o/s at end of year
Sewer bonds - 1986	\$ 128,200	Sewer	4,740	6.63%	Feb. 2013	\$ 9,480		\$ 4,740	\$ 4,740
TOTAL----->	\$ 128,200					\$ 9,480	\$ -	\$ 4,740	\$ 4,740

Remarks

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Supplemental Page
Revolving Funds and Conservation Funds

Please provide information regarding revenues, expenditures, and outstanding balances for Conservation Fund and each revolving fund under RSA 31:95-d.

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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

The Town had another challenging year on many fronts. As the recession has lingered, the pressure has grown on the Town's budget. The State has reduced their support for the schools, Legislative changes in 2009 and 2011 have resulted in a significant increase of the Town's share of Retirement costs, and major cuts to social services has resulted in a direct impact on the Town's welfare budget. This trend is likely to continue until revenues increase at the State level. To offset this burden, Department Heads have trimmed their budgets and have secured grants totaling \$374,688; a remarkable amount of grant money for such a small Town.

In 2012 voters approved two Warrant Articles of significance. The first was funding to replace the Antrim/Bennington shared bridge at Bible Hill Road, North Bennington Road, and Depot Street in Antrim. The total project cost is \$1,350,000, with 80% grant monies and 20% local monies. Because this bridge is shared by the Towns of Antrim and Bennington, each community is responsible for their 10% share, or \$135,000 each. This project has been in development for many years with various plans to either rehabilitate or rebuild the bridge. In recent years the State of NH learned that rehabilitation was not a sustainable option and that rebuilding the bridge was the most responsible option. Had this bridge been closed due to disrepair, travel to Antrim would have been inconvenient at best for many residents. Statewide, there are many bridges waiting State funding and we are very fortunate to have been awarded this grant. The bridge construction will begin in February 2013 and will result in the bridge closure until November 2013. We would like to thank all of the abutters to this project and the affected residents for their support and considerable inconvenience during construction. Finally, we would like to thank the Town leaders before us that had the incredible foresight to plan for the bridge replacement well in advance of the need by applying for grant monies and the voters for putting away monies through the Capital Reserve process.

The other significant Warrant Article that was approved was funding for the second phase of the Downtown Improvement Project. The first phase of the project was originally applied for in 2003, with the grant being awarded in 2004. Phase I was constructed in 2009 when inflation and market costs required the Town to drastically scale back the project scope in comparison to the original vision. Phase Two will allow us to complete the project as originally envisioned. The total project cost is \$596,000, with the Town responsible for 20% (\$119,200) and the State responsible for 80% (\$476,800). Voter approval of \$54,000 in 2012 completes the Town's obligation for the project. During this final phase of construction, sidewalks will be restored, curbing installed, and drainage improvements made on Francestown Road from the center of Town to Eaton Avenue, on the right side of Main Street towards the Eaton Avenue intersection, and on Main Street/Antrim Road. The project will also restore the sight-lines at the Bible Hill/Antrim Road/Eaton Avenue intersection by increasing green space within the Town's right of way. Because of the traffic issues created by the Bridge Replacement project in 2013, the Downtown Improvement Project will begin in 2014. Thank you to all who were involved in the project development and construction phase; especially to Phil Germain who was instrumental in all of the major projects over the last 10 years.

Another major project slated for 2014 is the Bible Hill Road Culvert Replacement. As most are aware, the base of Bible Hill Road is subject to frequent flooding. This situation extends emergency response times for our fire/police/ambulance services and requires the re-routing of school buses and regular commuter traffic going to/from North Bennington Road, Gillis Hill, and Pine Meadows Circle. In 2010 the Town submitted an application for funds under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to reduce the frequency of flooding at the base of Bible Hill Road near the North Bennington Road intersection by raising 475' of roadway approximately 4' and upgrading the existing culvert. The project also calls for drainage improvements along Bible Hill Road, south of the abandoned railroad crossing. We are pleased to report that in January 2012 FEMA officials obligated the funds. The total project cost is approximately \$304,700, with Bennington's share totaling \$76,175.

Following its closure in 2009, the Town of Bennington was offered an exclusive opportunity to purchase the former St. Patrick's Church on Route 31 in 2011. The Selectmen formed a Building Advisory Committee and appointed members to review all Town facilities and their current and future needs with an eye towards acquiring the Church to meet those needs. While the former Church offered significant potential to fulfill the Town's future needs, the strict covenants placed on the use of the building by the Diocese restricted the Town from purchasing the building for public use.

As a result of the closure of the Church, the Town was forced to search for an alternative location for residents to vote. After discussions with Pierce Elementary School and the Conval School District, the Town moved the voting location to Pierce School because of the size of the Multi-Purpose Room and handicapped accessibility. Unfortunately, voting at Pierce School results in a half-day of school for students and there is limited parking for staff, election workers, and voters. The Town is actively exploring the costs and feasibility of renovating the VFW to make the building more handicapped accessible and more energy efficient with the hopes of relocating voting to this Town building.

With an eye towards 2013, the Selectmen will continue to empower the Building Advisory Committee to research the Town's current and future needs and work with the Committee to explore all options for renovating existing structures or the possible purchase of other buildings as they become available. Also in 2013, the Selectmen will be involved in conceptual, exploratory conversations with area Towns to determine the feasibility of regionalizing some or all facets of emergency services. This discussion is in its infancy and will focus on opportunities for cost savings and the impact it would have on the communities.

Finally, Bennington continues to be extremely fortunate to have such an active community of volunteers and employees. The many Committees, Boards, and Departments do a phenomenal job keeping the Town operating around the clock on a daily basis.

New Town Employees: Dario Carrara (Code Enforcement Officer and Deputy Health Officer), Lester Milton (Part-time Police Officer), Damon Beaudreau (Firefighter), Douglas Witty (Firefighter), and Bruce Hall (Firefighter).

New Town Officials: David Parker (Solid Waste Committee and Trustee of Trust Funds), James Cleary (Selectman), Jeffrey Rose (Selectman), David Desaulniers (Water/Sewer Commissioner), Michael Roina (Fire Chief).

Retired Employees: Amy Wing (Fire Department Photographer), Allan Wilson (Fire Chief), Chester Heinzman (Deputy Fire Chief), Ross Breen (Firefighter), Marc Mosher, Sr. (Firefighter/EMT), Peter Hopkins (Code Enforcement Officer and Deputy Health Officer), David Chenard (Part-time Police Officer), and Charlie Stevenson (Deputy Code Enforcement Officer).

Retired Town Officials: Joseph Cuddemi (Selectman, Solid Waste Committee, Capital Reserve Funding Committee), Lisa Shingler (Library Trustee), Julie Southard (Trustee of Trust Funds), Joyce Miner (Town Treasurer), Philip Germain (Selectman, Planning Board ex-officio, Conservation Commission, Recreation), Susan Smith (Planning Board), Salvatore Landi (Water/Sewer Commissioner), Letitia Rice (Conservation Commission), Joshua Stewart (Conservation Commission), Arthur Knight (Conval School Board Representative).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven K. Osienski, Chair
James W. Cleary
Jeffrey D. Rose

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$195,107.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$ 5,652.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$ 630.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program	\$ 1,479.00
UCC Lien Filings	\$ 415.00
Marriage Licenses: Town	\$ 63.00
State	\$ 342.00
Certified Copies: Town	\$ 147.00
State	\$ 393.00
Dog Licenses: Town	\$ 1,693.00
State	\$ 189.00
Animal Population Control	\$ 705.00
Dog Mail Program	\$ 320.00
Dog License Fines	\$ 800.00
Election Fees	\$ 2.00
Bad Check Fees	\$ 105.00
Checklist	\$ 675.00
Misc.	\$ 98.00
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk	<u>\$208,815.00</u>

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	2012	2011
UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2012		
Property Taxes		\$205,280.90
Yield Taxes		\$12.69
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$2,889,801.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	6,431.96	0.00
Excavation Taxes	833.46	0.00
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	7,145.00	3,621.76
Prepaid 2013	596.07	0.00
INTEREST & FEES	1,442.23	15,903.39
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,906,249.72	\$224,818.74
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2012		
Property Taxes	\$2,627,007.12	\$91,351.12
Yield Taxes	6,431.96	12.69
Interest/Fees	1,442.23	15,903.39
Excavation Taxes	833.46	0.00
Credit Carried From 2011	0.00	127.50
Conversion to Lien (principal)	0.00	111,916.28
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	7,263.00	5,507.76
UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2012		
Property Taxes	\$263,271.95	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,906,249.72	\$224,818.74

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012**

TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:

		2011	2010	2009	2008	ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2012			\$94,698.84	\$63,592.11	\$8,845.32	\$37,804.00
Liens Executed 2012		123,978.93				4,556.00
Interest & Costs Collected	Interest	283.64	5007.15	16,640.28	954.24	119.49
After Lien Execution	Costs	147.79	238.14	1,185.97	156.88	32.90
TOTAL DEBITS		\$124,410.36	\$99,944.13	\$81,418.36	\$9,956.44	\$42,512.39

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER

Redemptions		\$7,286.24	\$25,625.53	\$56,834.62	\$6,320.88	\$2,872.00
Interest & Costs		431.43	5,245.29	17,826.25	1,048.68	152.39
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		2,936.46	0.00	0.00	2,524.44	823.60
Abatement of Interest & Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	62.44	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2012		113,756.23	69,073.31	6,757.49	0.00	38,664.40
TOTAL CREDITS		\$124,410.36	\$99,944.13	\$81,418.36	\$9,956.44	\$42,512.39

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at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2012		\$4,204.32
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$59,929.75	
Water Interest	\$210.67	
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$980.00	
Sewer Usage	\$32,746.15	
Sewer Interest	\$147.15	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$595.00	
Ownership Change/Admin Fees	+ \$10.00	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ \$94,618.72
		<u>\$98,823.04</u>
2011 Credit Carried Forward		- \$493.43
Prepaid 2013		
Water	\$618.33	
Sewer	+ \$48.12	
		+ \$666.45
Conversion to Lien		
Water	\$524.76	
Sewer	+ \$356.29	
		- \$881.05
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$61,295.49	
Sewer	+ \$31,603.50	
		- \$92,898.99
Abatements		
Water	\$23.18	
Sewer	+ \$128.97	
		- <u>\$152.15</u>
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2012		\$5,063.87

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at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristie J. LaPlante
Tax Collector**

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2012	\$	402,335.96
Receipts			3,823,309.41
Disbursements			<u>(3,755,823.91)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2012	\$	469,821.46

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2012	\$	9,036.26
Interest Earned			<u>7.27</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2012	\$	9,043.53

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2012	\$	1,342.59
Interest			<u>0.65</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2012	\$	1,343.24

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas S. Belcher
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2012

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,627,007.12	
Yield Tax	\$ 6,431.96	
Excavation Tax	\$ 833.46	
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 1,442.23</u>	\$ 2,635,714.77

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 91,351.12	
Yield Tax	\$ 12.69	
Interest/Penalties	\$ 15,903.39	
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 98,939.27	
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 24,704.04</u>	\$ 230,910.51

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT \$ 92,898.99

TOWN CLERK REVENUE \$ 208,815.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 39,477.23	
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	\$ 65,754.77	
State of NH - Speed & DWI Grants	\$ 8,726.13	
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	<u>\$ 39,844.00</u>	\$ 153,802.13

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 2,421.90	
Demolition Permits	\$ 20.00	
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,042.66	
Court Fines	\$ 650.00	
Pistol Permits	\$ 100.00	
Bad Check Fees	<u>\$ 27.00</u>	\$ 5,261.56

REIMBURSEMENTS

Police Special Details	\$ 1,336.50	
FEMA - October 2011 Snowstorm	\$ 5,663.72	
NH Retirement Overpay	\$ 36.31	
NHMA - Refund Legal Fees	\$ 36.31	
Worker's Compensation Wages	\$ 258.00	
Legal Fees	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 7,430.84

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Administration	\$	58.77
Rent of Town Buildings	\$	400.00
Cemetery Lots	\$	300.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	912.12
Photocopies	\$	39.50
Planning	\$	729.00
Police	\$	271.46
Recycling	\$	13,292.47
Zoning	\$	<u>166.00</u>

\$ 16,169.32

SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

\$ 9,744.53

INTEREST/BANK FEES

\$ (146.65)

DONATIONS

Monadnock Paper Mill - Earth Day	\$	200.00
Milford Masonic Temple - Welfare Donation	\$	<u>450.00</u>

\$ 650.00

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

\$ 34,055.47

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

\$ 400,000.00

TOTAL 2012 RECEIPTS**\$ 3,795,306.47**

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2012

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,287.00	
Telephone	\$	1,317.00	
Computer	\$	7,222.00	
Copier Lease	\$	1,829.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	985.00	
Advertising	\$	546.00	
General Supplies	\$	933.00	
Office Supplies	\$	2,188.00	
Postage	\$	2,862.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	1,025.00	
Administrator Salary	\$	50,128.00	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	33,285.00	
Admin Part-Time Salary	\$	11,326.00	
Deputy Administrator Overtime	\$	28.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	403.00	
Moderator's Salary	\$	80.00	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,427.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$	132.00	
Total Executive Office			\$ 120,003.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$	21,214.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$	4,073.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$	5,591.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	986.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	134.00	
Office Supplies	\$	1,201.00	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$	54.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	1,800.00	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	225.00	
Supervisors of Checklist -Conval	\$	225.00	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	11.00	
Advertising	\$	205.00	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	1,155.00	
Election Printing	\$	373.00	
Election Meals	\$	287.00	
Election Facility Rental	\$	1,383.00	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 38,917.00

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$	15,000.00	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$	13,242.00	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$	40.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	2,052.00	
Treasurer's Salary	\$	2,000.00	
Overlay	\$	10,154.00	
Tax Collector	\$	1,587.00	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 44,075.00

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Auditing Services	\$	575.00	
Office Supplies	\$	22.00	
Mileage	\$	42.00	
Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$ 639.00

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE

General Legal Support	\$	2,174.00	
Planning Board	\$	1,709.00	
ZBA	\$	525.00	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense			\$ 4,408.00

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Group Health Insurance	\$	129,547.00	
Group Dental Insurance	\$	4,101.00	
FICA/Medicare	\$	34,328.00	
Group 1 Retirement	\$	20,329.00	
Police Retirement	\$	26,336.00	
Unemployment Compensation	\$	694.00	
Workers Compensation	\$	8,155.00	
Total Personnel Administration			\$ 223,490.00

PLANNING AND ZONING

PB Recording Secretary	\$	1,460.00	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,625.00	
PB Miscellaneous	\$	765.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	560.00	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	413.00	
Total Planning and Zoning			\$ 4,823.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$	11,051.00	
Security System Maintenance	\$	1,919.00	
Electricity	\$	3,690.00	
Heat & Oil	\$	6,563.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	5,626.00	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	32.00	
Total General Government			\$ 28,881.00

CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	1,788.00	
Sunnyside Groundskeeping	\$	3,740.00	
Labor	\$	270.00	
Total Cemeteries			\$ 5,798.00

PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$	23,242.00	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance			\$ 23,242.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

General Contingency Fund	\$ 4,711.00
Computers	\$ 2,769.00
IT Support	\$ 2,920.00
Abatement Interest	\$ 126.00

Total Contingency Fund

\$ 10,526.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$ 69,734.00
Patrol Officer Salary	\$ 41,923.00
Overtime	\$ 24,801.00
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$ 25,014.00
Crossing Guard Salary	\$ 4,439.00
Special Detail Wages	\$ 7,459.00
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 811.00
Regional Prosecutor	\$ 23,125.00
Administrative Telephone	\$ 1,899.00
Cellular Telephone	\$ 165.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 13,516.00
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$ 6,296.00
Administrative Office Supplies	\$ 1,513.00
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$ 812.00
Administrative Gasoline	\$ 9,484.00
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$ 2,297.00
Books/Periodicals	\$ 60.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,015.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 776.00

Total Police Department

\$ 236,139.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$ 8,000.00
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Total Ambulance Service

\$ 8,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chiefs Salaries	\$ 2,254.00
Administrative Telephone	\$ 592.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 13,754.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 567.00
General Supplies	\$ 1,588.00
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$ 15,140.00
Forestry	\$ 371.00
Training	\$ 2,023.00
Fire Prevention Materials	\$ 435.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 12,156.00
Service Contracts	\$ 2,891.00
Radio Repairs	\$ 1,119.00
Gasoline	\$ 1,381.00
Vehicle Repairs	\$ 3,355.00
Electricity	\$ 2,233.00
Heating Oil	\$ 3,048.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 1,429.00

Total Fire Department

\$ 64,336.00

MEDICAL/RESCUE			
Medical Supplies	\$	1,591.00	
Training	\$	3,310.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	935.00	
Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 5,836.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT			
Building Inspector Salary	\$	1,130.00	
Mileage	\$	302.00	
Books & Education	\$	71.00	
Total Building Inspection			\$ 1,503.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Supplies	\$	930.00	
Total Emergency Management			\$ 930.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
Road Agent Salary	\$	43,176.00	
Road Agent Overtime	\$	5,276.00	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	37,194.00	
Highway Truck Driver Overtime	\$	1,486.00	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$	32,433.00	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$	2,961.00	
Radios (Mandated)	\$	2,697.00	
Telephone	\$	1,346.00	
Garage Electricity	\$	1,392.00	
Highway Garage Heat	\$	92.00	
Building Maintenance/Repairs	\$	1,567.00	
General Supplies	\$	1,978.00	
Street Signs	\$	112.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	10,208.00	
Gasoline/Oil	\$	21,072.00	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$	6,797.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	2,039.00	
Total General Highway Department			\$ 171,826.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	30,000.00	
Paving	\$	20,151.00	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	3,986.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	3,779.00	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	22,538.00	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	14,826.00	
Gravel Preparation	\$	8,000.00	
Total Highways and Streets			\$ 103,280.00
STREET LIGHTING			
PSNH	\$	10,192.00	
Total Street Lighting			\$ 10,192.00

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$	26,674.00	
Laborer	\$	2,040.00	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	801.00	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	3,989.00	
Telephone	\$	423.00	
Hauling and Disposal	\$	51,092.00	
Electricity	\$	1,040.00	
Office Heat	\$	235.00	
General Supplies	\$	479.00	
Certification	\$	350.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	1,617.00	
Recyclables Removal	\$	1,748.00	
Electronics Recycle Program	\$	1,300.00	
Tire Recycle Program	\$	825.00	
Container Lease	\$	725.00	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	74.00	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	407.00	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 93,819.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$	720.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,400.00	
Town of Antrim	\$	27,853.00	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	220.00	
Postage	\$	1,429.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	233.00	
Telephone	\$	916.00	
Electricity	\$	8,677.00	
Pumphouse Heat	\$	1,644.00	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	14,533.00	
Water Samples	\$	1,698.00	
Corrosion Control	\$	3,156.00	
Total Water Department			\$ 62,479.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Town of Antrim	\$	24,558.00	
Electricity	\$	3,304.00	
Repair/Maintenance	\$	1,688.00	
Monitoring Fee	\$	447.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$	325.00	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 30,322.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer Salary	\$	252.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	25.00	
Total Health Department			\$ 277.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Veterinary Services	\$	450.00	
Total Animal Control			\$ 450.00

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$	4,000.00	
Monadnock Family Services	\$	2,191.00	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 6,191.00

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Director Salary	\$	2,687.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	30.00	
Rental Assistance	\$	11,364.00	
Meals on Wheels	\$	525.00	
Vendor Payments - Medical	\$	2,049.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$	350.00	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	2,603.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	785.00	
Total Human Services Department			\$ 20,393.00

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$	453.00	
Fishing Derby	\$	788.00	
Activities	\$	565.00	
Little League	\$	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	611.00	
Groundskeeping	\$	14,986.00	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$	708.00	
Ballfield Repairs	\$	663.00	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$	588.00	
Recreation Facilities	\$	1,571.00	
Lifeguard Salaries	\$	5,162.00	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$	15.00	
Beach Improvements	\$	19.00	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	160.00	
Beach /Red Cross Supplies	\$	316.00	
Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 28,605.00

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$	44,999.00	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	22,080.00	
Book Collection	\$	14,738.00	
Media Collection	\$	3,099.00	
Telephone	\$	544.00	
Building Electricity	\$	1,909.00	
Building Heating Oil	\$	2,996.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$	1,063.00	
Building Maintenance	\$	800.00	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$	3,740.00	
Circulation & Office	\$	1,100.00	
Program Supplies	\$	856.00	
Conference Fees	\$	130.00	
Technology	\$	1,277.00	
Total Library			\$ 99,331.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$	518.00	
Total Patriotic Purposes			\$ 518.00

EDUCATION		
Edward E. French Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00	
Project LIFT	\$ 400.00	
Total Education		\$ 2,400.00
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTE		
General Obligation Debt	\$ 4,740.00	
Total Principal - Long Term Note		\$ 4,740.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTE		
Interest General Obligation Debt	\$ 442.00	
Total Interest - Long Term Note		\$ 442.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 5,082.00	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 5,082.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 30,000.00	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Road Rehab Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Mower Capital Reserve	\$ 2,500.00	
Library Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
FD Breathing Apparatus	\$ 10,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	
Sewer Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Town Buildings	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 157,500.00
2012 WARRANT ARTICLES		
Bridge Replacement	\$ 7,646.00	
Grapevine Family Center	\$ 5,000.00	
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$ 300.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 681.00	
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$ 500.00	
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 500.00	
Transfer Station Compactor	\$ 14,425.00	
Total 2012 Warrant Articles		\$ 29,052.00
SUBTOTAL - 2012 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$ 1,648,445.00
PAYMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		\$ 400,000.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Hillsborough County	\$ 118,456.00	
Local School Contribution	\$ 1,349,425.00	
State School Contribution	\$ 249,094.00	
Total Payments to Other Governments		\$ 1,716,975.00
TOTAL 2012 EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 3,765,420.00</u>

2012 Payroll

Benjamin Bartlett		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 486.77	
		\$ 486.77
Karen Bartlett		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 5,590.66	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 90.00	
		\$ 5,680.66
Damon Beaudreau		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 424.88	
		\$ 424.88
Debra Belcher		
Town Clerk	\$ 21,214.44	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 1,320.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 560.00	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 270.00	
		\$ 23,364.44
Thomas Belcher		
Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	
		\$ 1,500.00
Benjamin Billings		
Highway Laborer	\$ 1,049.75	
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 13,484.25	
		\$ 14,534.00
Matthew Blanchard		
Highway Laborer	\$ 168.75	
Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 540.00	
		\$ 708.75
Garrett Brandes		
Lifeguard	\$ 1,044.75	
		\$ 1,044.75
Madison Brynsaas		
Lifeguard	\$ 1,703.25	
		\$ 1,703.25
Clyde Campbell		
Police Chief - Regular	\$ 69,733.69	
Overtime	\$ 13,904.92	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 4,789.70	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 296.10	
Health Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 4,299.96	
		\$ 93,024.37
Dario Carrara		
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 118.75	
		\$ 118.75
David Chenard		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 8,952.42	
		\$ 8,952.42

2012 Payroll

James Cleary		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
Howard Clow		
Transfer Station Laborer	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
Drusilla Cox		
Supervisor Clerical	\$ 40.00	
Checklist Supervisor	\$ 600.00	
Checklist Supervisor Conval	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	\$ 715.00
Joseph Cuddemi		
Selectman	<u>\$ 514.00</u>	\$ 514.00
Debra Davidson		
Welfare Officer	<u>\$ 2,686.50</u>	\$ 2,686.50
David Desaulniers		
Water Department Wages	\$ 64.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 400.00	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 288.00</u>	\$ 752.00
Adam Dunning		
Fire Officer Stipend	\$ 200.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 814.70</u>	\$ 1,014.70
David Foster		
Fire Officer Stipend	\$ 150.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,260.20</u>	\$ 1,410.20
Denise French		
Town Administrator	<u>\$ 50,128.17</u>	\$ 50,128.17
Katherine Getts		
Lifeguard	<u>\$ 238.00</u>	\$ 238.00
John Giffin		
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 41,922.90	
Overtime	\$ 10,895.90	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 2,669.72	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	<u>\$ 514.93</u>	\$ 56,003.45
Bruce Hall		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 16.50</u>	\$ 16.50

2012 Payroll

Matthew Hall

Fire Officer Stipend	\$ 200.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,532.46</u>	\$ 1,732.46

Daniel Heffernan

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,947.01</u>	\$ 1,947.01
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Chester Heinzman

Fire Chief Salary	\$ 102.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 624.95</u>	\$ 726.95

Gregory Hertik

Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 1,615.00</u>	\$ 1,615.00
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Michael Hoiriis

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 936.41</u>	\$ 936.41
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Peter Hopkins

Code Enforcement Officer	<u>\$ 1,011.00</u>	\$ 1,011.00
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Kristin Jackson

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 165.01</u>	\$ 165.01
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Walter Kiblin

Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 37,194.01	
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 1,485.67	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 190.79	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 408.83</u>	\$ 39,279.30

Joseph LaCourse

Lifeguard	<u>\$ 425.00</u>	\$ 425.00
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Salvatore Landi

Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 64.00</u>	\$ 64.00
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Kristie LaPlante

Admin Assistant	\$ 33,285.28	
Admin Assistant - Overtime	\$ 27.62	
Short Term Disability Insurance	<u>\$ 3,364.53</u>	\$ 36,677.43

Lise Lemieux

Health Officer	<u>\$ 252.00</u>	\$ 252.00
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Leslie MacGregor

Library Director	<u>\$ 44,999.24</u>	\$ 44,999.24
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2012 Payroll

Philip Marcellino		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 9,470.31</u>	\$ 9,470.31
Lester Milton		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 256.00</u>	\$ 256.00
Joyce Miner		
Deputy Treasurer	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 500.00
Barbara Moorehead		
Checklist Supervisor - Conval	\$ 75.00	
Checklist Supervisor	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	\$ 675.00
Marc Mosher, Sr.		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 49.50</u>	\$ 49.50
Joseph O'Brien		
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 102.00	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 492.95	
Fire/Security Alarm Install	<u>\$ 2,925.00</u>	\$ 3,519.95
Nelson Ortega		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 4,719.89</u>	\$ 4,719.89
Linda Osienski		
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,072.70	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 50.00	
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 206.04</u>	\$ 4,328.74
Steven Osienski		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
David Parker		
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,750.00</u>	\$ 3,750.00
Scott Plourde		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,179.76</u>	\$ 1,179.76
Michael Poitras		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 150.57</u>	\$ 150.57
Lori Ricci		
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 11,119.75</u>	\$ 11,119.75

2012 Payroll

Michael Roina

Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,500.00
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 3,647.83
Highway Laborer- Regular	\$ 31,214.98
Highway Laborer- Overtime	\$ 2,961.00
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 97.50
General Government Bldg. Maint.	\$ 15.00
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 420.00</u>

\$ 39,856.31

Jeffrey Rose

Selectman	<u>\$ 773.00</u>
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\$ 773.00

Michelle Roy

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 239.27</u>
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\$ 239.27

Gary Russell

Road Agent - Salary	\$ 43,176.00
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 5,276.25
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 483.00
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 21.00</u>

\$ 48,956.25

Dwayne Searles

Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 98.00</u>
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\$ 98.00

Melissa Searles

Library Assistant	<u>\$ 22,080.11</u>
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\$ 22,080.11

John Spanos

Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 400.00
Water Department Wages	\$ 104.00
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 320.00</u>

\$ 824.00

Michael Tacy

Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 13,189.80</u>
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\$ 13,189.80

Dominique Tarr

Lifeguard	<u>\$ 1,751.00</u>
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\$ 1,751.00

Willow Tarr

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 802.33</u>
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\$ 802.33

Victoria Turner

Supervisor Clerical	\$ 185.00
Checklist Supervisor	\$ 600.00
Checklist Supervisor Conval	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

\$ 860.00

2012 Payroll

Allan Wilson

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 286.69
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\$ 286.69

Glenn Wilson

Water Department Wages	\$ 552.00
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Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 600.00
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Water Line Maintenance	\$ 432.00
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\$ 1,584.00

Amy Wing

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 8.25
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\$ 8.25

Douglas Witty

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 74.25
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\$ 74.25

Dorothy Zabriskie

Crossing Guard	\$ 4,439.32
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\$ 4,439.32

Total Payroll

\$ 574,894.42

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Trustees of Trust Funds
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in the accompanying Form MS-9. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements included in the accompanying Form MS-9 and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements included in the form in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General and for designing, implementing, and maintaining of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements included in the accompanying Form MS-9 are presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire's Trust Fund assets and liabilities.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Trustees of Trust Funds, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

February 1, 2013

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

\$

834,976.72

Please insert the total of **ALL** funds here

Town/City Of: Bennington For Year Ended: 12/31/12

CERTIFICATE

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Valerie Germain Valerie Germain

Richard Page Richard Page

David Parker David Parker

Print and sign

Signed by the Trustees of Trust Funds

on this date

2/20/13

REMINDERS FOR TRUSTEES

1. SIGNATURES - Print and sign on lines provided above.

2. INVESTMENT POLICY - RSA 31:25 requires the trustees to adopt an investment policy and review and confirm this policy at least annually. A copy of this policy must be filed with the Director of Charitable Trusts (RSA 31:25, 34:5, 35:9).

3. PROFESSIONAL BANKING AND BROKERAGE ASSISTANCE - RSA 31:38-a enables you to have a professional banking or brokerage firm assist you in performing your trustee duties. Refer to the law for further information. Attributable expenses may be charged against the trust fund involved, however, please be advised the fees can be taken from income only and not from principal.

4. WEB SITE - A trustee handbook can be down loaded from the web site for the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division. www.doj.nh.gov/charitable

5. FAIR VALUE - Fold and complete page 4 to disclose the fair value (market value) of principal only. This information may be obtained from financial publications or from your professional banker or broker.

6. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - Must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with any other funds of the municipality (RSA 35:9).

7. WHEN and WHERE TO FILE - By March 1 if filing for a calendar year and by September 1 if filing for optional fiscal year. See addresses on page 4 of this form. If you hold funds for the school, the school business administrator will also need a copy for the school's financial report.

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				
				Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year
Cemetery Funds:								
Various	Mt. Calvary	Perpetual Care	NHPDIP	\$ 775.00				\$ 775.00
Various	Sunnyside	Perpetual Care	TD Bank & NHPDIP	\$ 12,011.73				\$ 12,011.73
Various	Evergreen	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 16,889.75				\$ 16,889.75
	Total Cemetery Funds:			\$ 29,676.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,676.48

Scholarship Funds:

1994	Edward French	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
2010	Bruce Edes	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 34,041.63				\$ 34,041.63
Total Scholarship Funds:				\$ 35,041.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,041.63

Capital Reserves:

1990	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 127,961.14	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 152,961.14
1993	Water Dept	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 23,287.24	\$ 10,000.00		\$ (11,977.60)	\$ 21,309.64
1994	Library	Structure Repair	NHPDIP	\$ 33,353.02	\$ 5,000.00		\$ (3,853.23)	\$ 34,499.79
1997	Sewer	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 69,000.00
1997	Rescue Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 17,152.90				\$ 17,152.90
1997	Highway Dept Equip	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 47,384.81	\$ 30,000.00		\$ (77,384.81)	\$ -
1999	Highway Dept Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 72,873.33	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 77,873.33
1999	Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 9,422.97	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 24,422.97
1999	Highway Dept Mower	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 6,503.33	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 9,003.33
2001	Bridge Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 19,736.84				\$ 19,736.84
2001	Town Buildings	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 14,959.11	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 29,959.11
2001	Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 60,666.71			\$ (5,405.57)	\$ 55,261.14
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 51,343.81				\$ 51,343.81
2002	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 2,690.00				\$ 2,690.00
2001	Fire Dept Radios	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 0.10				\$ 0.10
2009	Road Rehabilitation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 35,598.66	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (22,077.87)	\$ 28,520.79
2010	Fire Dept SCBA	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 30,000.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds:				\$ 586,933.97	\$ 157,500.00	\$ -	\$ (120,699.08)	\$ 623,734.89

Total Funds:				\$ 651,652.08	\$ 157,500.00	\$ -	\$ (120,699.08)	\$ 688,453.00
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Date of Creation		Name of Trust Fund	INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	PRINCIPAL ONLY			Grand Totals
			Balance Beginning of Year	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance at End of Year		Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains/Losses	End of Year Fair Value	
Cemetery Funds:											
Various	Mt. Calvary	\$ 294.78	\$ 0.10		\$ 294.88	\$ 1,069.88			\$ -	\$ 1,069.88	
Various	Sunnyside	\$ 3,621.79	\$ 15.44	\$ (37.80)	\$ 3,599.43	\$ 15,611.16			\$ -	\$ 15,611.16	
Various	Evergreen	\$ 15,751.02	\$ 410.15	\$ (874.32)	\$ 15,286.85	\$ 32,176.60	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 2,501.82	\$ 24,429.98	\$ 56,606.58	
Total Cemetery Funds:		\$ 19,667.59	\$ 425.69	\$ (912.12)	\$ 19,181.16	\$ 48,857.64	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 2,501.82	\$ 24,429.98	\$ 73,287.62	
Scholarship Funds:											
1994	Edward French	\$ 507.74	\$ 1.28		\$ 509.02	\$ 1,509.02			\$ -	\$ 1,509.02	
2010	Bruce Edes	\$ 32.65	\$ 37.05		\$ 69.70	\$ 34,111.33			\$ -	\$ 34,111.33	
Total Scholarship Funds:		\$ 540.39	\$ 38.33	\$ -	\$ 578.72	\$ 35,620.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,620.35	
Capital Reserves:											
1990	Fire Truck	\$ 4,073.49	\$ 154.29		\$ 4,227.78	\$ 157,188.92			\$ -	\$ 157,188.92	
1993	Water Dept	\$ 12,621.01	\$ 30.68		\$ 12,651.69	\$ 33,961.33			\$ -	\$ 33,961.33	
1994	Library	\$ 4,905.26	\$ 42.59		\$ 4,947.85	\$ 39,447.64			\$ -	\$ 39,447.64	
1997	Sewer	\$ 11,076.87	\$ 70.49		\$ 11,147.36	\$ 80,147.36			\$ -	\$ 80,147.36	
1997	Rescue Truck	\$ 5,272.63	\$ 24.38		\$ 5,297.01	\$ 22,449.91			\$ -	\$ 22,449.91	
1997	Highway Dept Equip	\$ 6,406.48	\$ 17.22	\$ (3,514.19)	\$ 2,909.51	\$ 2,909.51			\$ -	\$ 2,909.51	
1999	Highway Dept Truck	\$ 17,775.26	\$ 100.78		\$ 17,876.04	\$ 95,749.37			\$ -	\$ 95,749.37	
1999	Police Cruiser	\$ 1,448.85	\$ 17.95		\$ 1,466.80	\$ 25,889.77			\$ -	\$ 25,889.77	
1999	Highway Dept Mower	\$ 1,912.08	\$ 10.38		\$ 1,922.46	\$ 10,925.79			\$ -	\$ 10,925.79	
2001	Bridge Expendable	\$ 4,300.04	\$ 26.17		\$ 4,326.21	\$ 24,063.05			\$ -	\$ 24,063.05	
2001	Town Buildings	\$ 2,936.18	\$ 25.68		\$ 2,961.86	\$ 32,920.97			\$ -	\$ 32,920.97	
2001	Bridge Replacement	\$ 13,029.83	\$ 76.13		\$ 13,105.96	\$ 68,367.10			\$ -	\$ 68,367.10	
2001	Sidewalk Repair	\$ 14,102.79	\$ 71.27		\$ 14,174.06	\$ 65,517.87			\$ -	\$ 65,517.87	
2002	Revaluation	\$ 5,146.23	\$ 8.52		\$ 5,154.75	\$ 7,844.75			\$ -	\$ 7,844.75	
2001	Fire Dept Radios	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 0.10			\$ -	\$ 0.10	
2009	Road Rehabilitation	\$ 81.47	\$ 39.19		\$ 120.66	\$ 28,641.45			\$ -	\$ 28,641.45	
2010	Fire Dept SCBA	\$ 17.89	\$ 25.97		\$ 43.86	\$ 30,043.86			\$ -	\$ 30,043.86	
Total Capital Reserve Funds:		\$ 105,106.36	\$ 741.69	\$ (3,514.19)	\$ 102,333.86	\$ 726,068.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 726,068.75	
Total Funds:		\$ 125,314.34	\$ 1,205.71	\$ (4,426.31)	\$ 122,093.74	\$ 810,546.74	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 2,501.82	\$ 24,429.98	\$ 834,976.72	

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2013 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$15,000	
B. Mower	\$ 2,500	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$20,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ 0	
F. Road Improvements	\$15,000	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$52,500

FIRE DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$15,000	
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ 5,000	
C. Breathing Apparatus	\$ 0	
Total Fire Dept Funds		\$20,000

POLICE DEPT FUND

A. Cruiser	\$15,000	
Total Police Dept Fund		\$15,000

UTILITY DEPT FUNDS

A. Water	\$ 5,000	
B. Sewer	\$25,000	
Total Utility Dept Funds		\$30,000

MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$25,000	
B. Town Buildings	\$15,000	
C. Sidewalk Improvement	\$ 0	
Total Municipal Dept Funds		\$40,000

LIBRARY DEPT FUND

A. Repairs & Equipment	\$ 5,000	
Total Library Dept Fund		\$ 5,000

2013 Funding Requested		\$162,500
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2012 ANALYSIS OF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES

Highway Department:

The Town expended \$80,899.00 from the Highway Equipment CRF for the purchase of a replacement backhoe.

Expenditures of \$22,077.87 were spent from the Road Rehabilitation CRF for the upcoming Bible Hill Road culvert replacement grant project (\$8,200), removal of ledge from the upper portion of Dodge Hill Road (\$4,400), straightening the upper section of Starrett Road (\$1,478) and rock crushing for drainage supplies (\$8,000).

Funds in the amount of \$5,405.57 were expended from the Bridge Replacement CRF ahead of the bridge replacement project scheduled for 2013.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Highway Truck CRF, \$20,000 to the Highway Equipment CRF, \$15,000 to the Road Rehabilitation CRF and \$2,500 to the Mower CRF.

The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Bridge Replacement CRF since funds necessary to pay Bennington's 10% share of replacing the Antrim/Bennington Bridge are now in place. The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Bridge Repair CRF since available funding seems to be adequate.

December 31, 2012 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 95,749.37
Mower	\$ 10,925.79
Bridge Repair	\$ 24,063.05
Equipment	\$ 2,909.51
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 28,641.45
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>68,367.10</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$230,656.27

Fire Department:

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Fire Truck CRF and \$5,000 to the Rescue Vehicle CRF.

Upon recommendation of the Fire Chief the Funding Committee voted not to fund the Breathing Apparatus CRF due to the Chief's request that a new CRF be established for Fire Department Protective Gear (2013 Warrant Article #10).

December 31, 2012 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$157,188.92
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 22,449.91
Breathing Apparatus	\$ 30,043.86
Radios	\$ <u> .10</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$209,682.79

Police Department:

The Town plans to replace the 2007 Ford Expedition police cruiser in 2013. Currently the Expedition has 120,000 miles and the Town now finds itself replacing aged components; most recently the fuel pump at a cost of \$575. The estimated cost to purchase a replacement cruiser is \$38,000 to \$40,000; the trade-in value of the 2007 Expedition is unknown.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Police Cruiser CRF.

December 31, 2012 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser account is as follows:

Police Cruiser	\$ 25,889.77
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Utility Departments:

2012 expenditures of \$11,977.60 from the Water CRF represents 2011 expenses paid during the current year for maintenance work at the water pump house.

Dredging of the shared sewer lagoons is scheduled for 2014.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to the Water Department CRF and \$25,000 to the Sewer CRF.

December 31, 2012 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 33,961.33
Sewer	\$ <u>80,147.36</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$114,108.69

Municipal Departments:

The Town is mandated by law to certify its real estate values every five years; 2014 is the next cycle for a full revaluation of Bennington properties. Through the years voters have denied incremental funding for the Revaluation CRF. At present the Town has less than \$8,000 towards an estimated \$50,000 revaluation project that will occur in 2014 whether or not sufficient funds are available. Personnel from the Department of Revenue Administration have informed us that should Bennington not have adequate funding for the April 1, 2014 revaluation then the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) will take over the task and hire any available vendor for the town-wide revaluation with the cost of funding being included in the Town's 2014 tax rate. If the Town has funding in place, the Board of Selectmen has the flexibility to interview qualified appraisal companies that are in the Town's best interest financially, but that will also take into consideration individual taxpayers' unique circumstances. If the BTLA takes over this mandated project they will not be concerned if the company is a good fit for Bennington, nor will they worry about the elevated cost that the Town will surely be obligated to pay. In short, the Town will have zero control over the 2014 revaluation. The Selectmen highly encourage voter support of Warrant Article #11 for \$25,000 for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen are working with the Facilities Committee and the Energy Committee with an eye towards possibly rehabilitating the VFW into a community building which will be able to accommodate voting activities.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Revaluation CRF and \$15,000 to the Town Buildings ETF. The Funding Committee voted not to appropriate money to the Sidewalk CRF since the Town's share of the Transportation Enhancement Project is now in-hand for the planned 2014 downtown improvement project.

December 31, 2012 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 7,844.75
Town Buildings	\$ 32,920.97
Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>65,517.87</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$106,283.59

Library Department:

During the 2012 calendar year \$3,853.23 was expended from the Library CRF primarily in response to fulfilling Life Safety recommendations.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to the Library CRF.

December 31, 2012 CRF balance for the Library account is as follows:

Library	\$ 39,447.64
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The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2012 is \$726,068.75.

GEp DODGE LIBRARY

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Monday- 9AM-7PM, Tuesday- 9AM to 6PM, Thursday- 12-8PM, Friday- 12-5PM, Sunday- 4-6PM

The GEp Dodge Library participates in the many services offered through the New Hampshire State Library. Our most visible and most used service is that of inter-library loan. Weekly we receive materials through the NHSL inter-library loan service via a van delivery. This service permits our patrons to borrow materials from other libraries throughout the State, be they from a public or private library or school library, or from a college or university library; we have access to all. This service is perhaps one of the best benefits offered to all New Hampshire citizens. It provides open access to any collection and to a tremendous variety of materials in print, audio and visual.

Another service offered to our patrons through the NH State Library is accessed via the internet. With a library patron number and the Library's code, a patron can get online and download (FOR FREE) audio & print books through the *NH Downloadable Books Consortium*. This site offers a collection of about 17,400. It provides patrons with an alternative way to read and or hear the classics, best sellers, fiction or nonfiction, from their Nook, Kindle, iPad, iPhone, iPod, Smart Phone, MP3 Player, laptop, or desktop. This is a perfect and portable solution for students, commuters, travelers, or fitness addicts.

Other databases offered through the NH State Library system include *Ebsco Host*, *Ancestry.com*, *Heritage.com*, and access to the *NH Public Catalog*. Our own Library offers two other literature based sites for young children; *Tumble Books* and *Story Time for Me*.

All of the databases can be accessed via the Library's website: www.dodgellibrary.com. For our patrons without access to the internet at home, the Library offers 24/7 Wi-Fi access at the Library. Patrons can bring their wireless enabled devices into the Library or use them outside the Library from a parked car or sitting anywhere on the Library grounds to gain access. For our patrons who do not have their own wireless devices, the Library offers two public access computers.

The Library's current website is being recreated. The antiquated program that had been used to create our original website can no longer be used to publish it. While work on the new website is in progress the links on the Library's old website are still live. The goal is to have the all new Library website up within the first few weeks of 2013. In the meantime all Library announcements and information will be posted on the Library's Facebook page and on the chalkboard out in front of the Library.

The Library has offered a variety of museum passes through the years. Our passes are obtained through donations, or through the Friends of the Library. Consistently we have offered passes to *Boston's Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)* and most often we have offered passes to the *Currier Museum of Art*. Less frequently we have had passes to the *Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park*, the *Fells Historic Estate*, the *Montshire Museum* and the *SEE Museum*. In 2013 we will have passes to the *MFA*, *The Currier Museum of Art* and to the *SEE Museum*.

The 2012 Summer Reading Program was entitled "*Dream Big, Read!*", and 115 patrons did just that! They participated in story time & craft programs, played games, solved puzzles, attended field trips, and listened to musicians and performers. Debi Belcher, Laura Rice, MacKenzie Rice, and Karen Bartlett, who have Statewide fame for their annual representations of the Summer Reading Program themes, once again put together a masterpiece! It was a perfect page out of The Napping House by Audrey and Don Wood.

The meager 940 usable square feet in the Library continues to be a challenge and a serious handicap for housing the Library's collection. To make room and to keep current we have to weed frequently and ruthlessly and we have to house the collection in some nontraditional, unorthodox locations. The benefitting result is that we always have an accurately inventoried collection. There are no surprise discoveries on our shelves anymore. The current count for all material types, in-house, is 23,262. The addition of the NH Downloadable collection of about 17,400 and the Nubanusit Library Cooperative audio visual collection of 560 boosts an accessible collection for our patrons to 41,222.

If you have never used the Library we invite you to stop in and check us out! Get a new Library card, make use of our print & A/V collection, our 24/7 Wi-Fi, the public computers, the FAX machine, the color copying machine, IRS forms, the community announcements, our ongoing book sale, and our programming. There is literally something in the Library for everyone. If you haven't used your Library card in the past two years, you will need a new card, so come in and reacquaint yourself with YOUR Library's services.

It has been 15 years since we last added hours to the Library's weekly schedule. Beginning January of 2013, the Library will add another five hours to the schedule on Tuesday mornings. The 2013 hours are: Mondays- 9AM to 7PM, Tuesdays- 9AM to 6PM, Thursdays- 12PM-8PM, Friday- 12PM-5PM, Sunday-4PM-6PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie MacGregor, Director
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Victoria Burnham, Trustee Chair
Laurie MacKiegan, Trustee Treasurer
Molly Eppig, Trustee
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department continues to stay busy, with our Officers constantly working to keep everyone safe. 2012 was a tough year, with many tragic incidents across the United States and the world. Even though we are a small Department in a small town we strive to provide the best service possible. I ask that you be vigilant in your neighborhood and to please report any suspicious activity to the police.

CRUISER: All Officers are requesting your assistance in voting for Warrant Article #13 which will allocate funding to allow the purchase of a new cruiser. The 2007 Ford Expedition has 125,000 plus miles on it. It has mechanical issues which causes great concern regarding safety and reliability. This is one of two cruisers and is used on a daily basis. If approved it would be replaced by the new Ford Interceptor (a 4-wheel drive vehicle which is smaller than the Expedition). Please support the cruiser and thank you very much.

STATISTICS:

	2012	2011
Calls for Service	6515	5735
Criminal Cases	430 (90% cleared)	371
Arrests (Offenses Charged)	268	227
Actual Arrest Reports	196	168
Non-Criminal Calls for Services	2993	2050
Motor Vehicle Stops	2184	2556
Motor Vehicle Accidents	36	40

TREND: I would like to bring your attention to a growing concern so you can remain vigilant of yours and your neighbor's properties. Since 1995 there have been an average of 3.3 burglaries per year and 35 thefts. In 2012 we have had 26 reported burglaries and 58 thefts. Times are tough. Please make sure your home/property is secure when you leave home and watch and protect your neighbor's property as well – times have certainly changed from the "old days".

In 2012, 12-year veteran Part-Time Police Officer David Chenard retired from the Bennington Police Department. We have been fortunate to work with Dave and have greatly benefited from his presence in our community. Thank you for your dedicated service, Dave!

All officers are proud to be part of your Police Department. Even if we have to make tough (negative) decisions we promise to be professional and courteous in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

On behalf of all Bennington officers – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Respectfully Submitted,

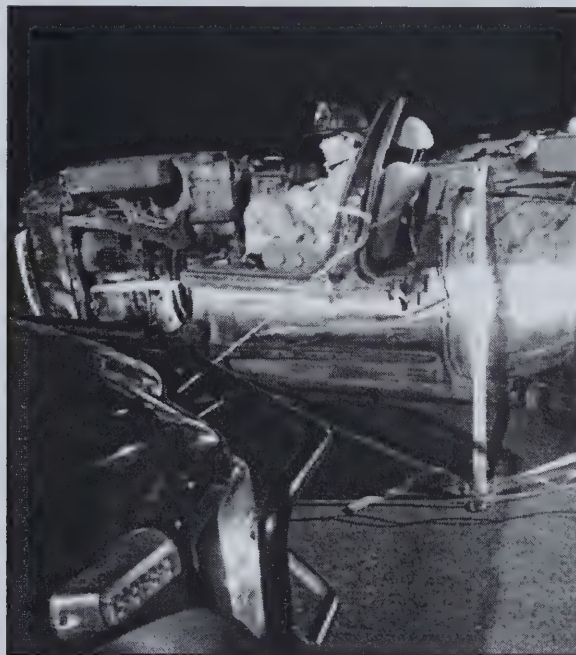
Steve Campbell, Chief

BENNINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE

For those of you who have not yet met me through fire permits, Fire Prevention, emergency incidents, or my regular day job (Highway Department employee), my name is Mike Roina. I have been a member of Bennington Fire and Rescue since the summer of 2001. I was appointed Fire Chief in March of 2012.

This year there has been quite a few changes throughout the Department, with membership being one of them. Unfortunately we lost three members over the course of the year, but through recruitment efforts we added five new members to our roster.

In 2012 we purchased a set of Rescue Jacks second hand from Hopkinton Rescue. Rescue Jacks are used for stabilization and lifting/jacking at motor vehicle accidents, building collapses, and other incidents that would require removing a victim from an unstable environment. The picture below shows one of the Jacks in action. The vehicle pictured is a four door sedan rolled onto its passenger side. With the Jacks in place we were able to cut the floor out around the driver and winch the driver's seat back upright for easier access to remove the victim.



Fortunately we have not had to use them yet in a real time emergency. With the next closest set of Rescue Jacks being 20 minutes away, I believe they will be a great asset to the community and to the region.

Fire Prevention Day at Pierce School this year was a blast hopefully for everyone involved. We were fortunate to use the Fire Prevention trailer from our Dispatch Center again this year to demonstrate for the kids and teachers how kitchen fires occur and how quickly smoke can envelop a room and limit visibility. The trailer is a full-size camper with a small assembly area, a mock kitchen, and a fake bedroom. The trailer is equipped with a fire alarm system and a smoke machine (party fog). While we are teaching the kids and teachers about fire safety we also fill the back of the trailer with simulated smoke. When the time comes, the kids evacuate the trailer by crawling low through the bedroom area and out a window because of the smoke condition.

I cannot stress enough the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home. Last fall, smoke detectors and an automatic fire alarm system are credited with notifying us of an electrical fire upstairs at the Town Hall. Similarly, a CO detector is credited with identifying a lethal level of carbon monoxide last summer at a private residence in town, thereby saving the residents from this silent and odorless killer. Make sure that when you change your clocks for daylight savings in the spring and fall that you also change the batteries in all smoke and CO detectors in your home.

We responded to 130 incidents in 2012, both in Town and in our neighboring communities. The types of incidents we responded to are as follows:

Building Fires	15	Car Fires	2
Chimney Fires	1	Outside/Brush Fires	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	Medical Calls	53
Search and Rescue	2	HAZ-MAT Incidents	4
Carbon Monoxide	1	Power Lines	8
Cover Assignments	4	Service Calls	1
Good Intent Calls	11	False Alarms	13

Two questions that I have been receiving a lot recently are what the rules are on outside burning and do residents need a fire permit when there is snow cover. The complete set of rules on outside burning are located at the Division of Forest and Lands website at www.nhdfi.org. As far as the permit question, when there is sufficient snow cover (2+ inches of snow cover in the woods and a 100x100 area around the location of your fire), you **do not** need a permit. Any other time you do need a permit, even if it is raining.

For 2013 we have two projects that we are working on. For those of you who drive by the Fire Station, you have seen the Special Operations trailer out front. When the trailer is completed this summer it will hold all of our Haz-Mat supplies for spill containment and will also house our portable cascade system to refill air packs at the scene of building fires. The other project is not quite as noticeable, but hopefully will be over time. We are working to identify the rural areas in Town that are a certain distance from any year-round, easily accessible water source and working to come up with a plan to add water sources in the form of fire ponds and cisterns.

We are actively seeking membership in the form of Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. If you or someone you know would like to explore the fire service in a rural setting, please don't hesitate to contact us or stop by. You can call the station at 588-2188 or email me at mike.roina@benningtonnhfire.com. You do not have to have any experience or any training to join our Department; we will provide that to you.

To stay current with Fire Department happenings, I invite you to visit us online at www.benningtonnhfire.com or "like" Bennington Fire Rescue on Facebook!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy 2013!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Roina, Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The duties of a local Emergency Management Director are numerous and varied. Upon appointment by the locally elected governing body (in our case, the Board of Selectmen), the Emergency Management Director becomes the Town Official charged with coordination of emergency preparedness. Authority and execution of responsibilities are only as effective as the interest, support, and supervision given by the Board of Selectmen.

In Bennington we are very fortunate to have a Board of Selectmen that is supportive of emergency preparedness and response. We are also fortunate to have two dedicated and qualified individuals who are ready, willing, and able to serve the residents of Bennington during an emergency: Steve Campbell, Emergency Management Director and Kristie LaPlante, Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Emergency Management is not just about responding to and mitigating a disaster; it starts long before a disaster even occurs with mitigation and preparedness and culminates with response and recovery. The bulk of our work that residents are unaware of involves maintaining situational awareness with our local and State partners. In recent years we have monitored and responded to ice storms, windstorms, flood events, snowstorms, and public health emergencies.

In 2012 Bennington was fortunate to have had a quiet year in regards to Emergency Management functions. In October Town Departments came together with representatives from Monadnock Paper Mills to prepare for the predicted affects Hurricane Sandy would have locally. During the storm our Police, Highway, and Fire Departments responded to calls resulting from high winds but we were tremendously fortunate to escape the flooding seen in the New York/New Jersey areas.

In 2010 the Town submitted an application for funds under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to reduce the frequency of flooding at the base of Bible Hill Road near the North Bennington Road intersection by raising 475' of roadway approximately 4' and upgrading the culvert. The project also calls for drainage improvements along Bible Hill Road, south of the abandoned railroad crossing. We are pleased to report that in January 2012 FEMA officially obligated the funds. The total project cost is approximately \$304,700, with Bennington's share totaling \$76,175. Construction is scheduled for summer 2014.

We are always in need of volunteers to assist us in the event of an emergency by either helping staff the EOC, provide rides, assist with food requirements, or undertake other tasks as needed. If you are interested in volunteering your time please contact us prior to an emergency event. Please contact Steve Campbell at 588-3409 or Kristie LaPlante at 588-2189.

As we look to 2013 we would like to encourage our residents to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Residents have two options in the event of an emergency: stay or leave. Regardless of which option you choose, it is imperative that residents communicate their intentions with their family members and plan for the duration of the event. For information on how to adequately prepare, visit www.nhgov/readynh, www.ready.gov, or www.fema.gov.

As always, we would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall Office Staff, Highway Department, Fire Department, and Police Department for their dedicated support during emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Emergency Management Director
Kristie LaPlante, Assistant Emergency Management Director

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As required by the NH Department of Labor, Bennington has a Joint Loss Management Committee that is charged with promoting safety and health in the workplace. The Committee is made up of representatives of each physical work space – Town Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Highway Department, and Transfer Station. Our very active and involved members are Kristie LaPlante (Chair), Michael Roina (Vice Chair), Steve Campbell, Gary Russell, Lori Ricci, and Melissa Searles.

Each year we partner with our property-liability and workers compensation insurance providers and conduct a thorough walk-through of each Town Building with an eye towards identifying and rectifying potential and existing safety concerns. Throughout 2011 and 2012 a lot of energy was invested in continuing to make sure our facilities are safe for our workers and our visitors. I am happy to report that the 2012 walk-through yielded fewer recommendations for remediation than in years past.

While the Committee works to reduce workers compensation claims by ensuring our physical space is safe, few injuries occur or are a result of a deficiency in the building in which an employee is working. Injuries often occur at a job site or when working with equipment in the field. The Joint Loss Management Committee tracks any injury claims made by Bennington employees and works with Department Heads to ensure all safeguards and protocols are being followed to prevent further injury or to determine if changes to the Safety Policy are warranted.

From our workplace environment to yours – please be safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie LaPlante, Chairperson

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It seems that 2012 may be the easiest winter in a long time...or the beginning of a new trend. There was not a lot of snow to plow but the rain and ice-mix required the use of near average amounts of sand, salt, and labor.

This year a lot of time was spent on upcoming projects: the Town Line Bridge at Depot Street and North Bennington Road, Phase 2 of the Downtown Improvement Project, and the culvert replacement/drainage improvement project at the end of Bible Hill Road near the North Bennington Road intersection. We were going to attempt the Bible Hill Road culvert replacement project this year but the time frame between the grant award and environmental permitting would not have allowed us to complete the project during the summer construction season. As a result, this project has been scheduled for 2014 along with the Downtown Improvement Project. The Town Line bridge construction project will begin in the spring of 2013, which has resulted in the delay of the other two projects to 2014. All three of these projects will be aided by State or FEMA funds.

Along with normal summer maintenance projects of grading, brush cutting, and keeping the drainage open, we were able to finish reconstruction of the upper portion of Dodge Hill Road except for a little clean up. The job involved all new cross pipes, drop inlets, and under drains. A lot of time was spent digging out the shoulders and widening the roadway. A hydraulic hammer was rented to break up the ledge we encountered during widening and drainage work. The new backhoe purchased in 2012 worked very well on this job.

The Highway Department also obtained a used gravel grizzly. After some repairs it works very well. We were able to size about 500 yards of gravel for next year's projects. We also entered into a rental/purchase agreement on a 4-wheel drive loader. If voters approve funding for the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, the rent we are currently paying on the machine will be credited towards the overall purchase price, with the balance coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Acquisition of this loader will boost the production of future projects by a minimum of 20%.

I would like to thank Ray Lyons for the use of his land to stock pile material for the road job and taking the ditching materials, otherwise completion of the project would have gone into another year. I would also like to thank Kristie and Dee at Town Hall for their help with grants and bids that were done this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell, Road Agent

TRANSFER STATION

In 2012 voters approved funding to replace the aging and under-sized compactor at the Transfer Station. Replacement of the old compactor went very well and came in under budget. We advertised the old compactor for sale and received no calls of interest. We will try to sell the old compactor again in 2013.

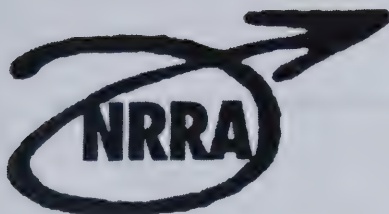
The contract for recyclables and waste removal was put out to bid this fall and Monadnock Disposal Service was awarded the contract. With lower prices on solid waste and demolition disposal we are anticipating a nearly \$8,000 savings over last year's costs. With the loss of the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections workers the recycling of some metals has been cut back due to the labor costs associated with preparing recyclables for market.

The Transfer Station also received a \$2,500 grant from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to improve our handling of waste oil. A tank and containment area is in the process and will be complete in 2013.

With up and down markets, it may not always pay a lot of money to recycle. But even in low market conditions, we still save big. In 2012, by recycling mixed paper, aluminum cans and mixed plastics we saved \$8,730 by keeping 68.6 tons out of our compactor when you factor in the tonnage and hauling fees. If we all try a little harder we can save more.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Billings, Dave Parker, Gary Russell
Solid Waste Committee



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
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E-mail: info@nrta.net Web Site: www.nrta.net

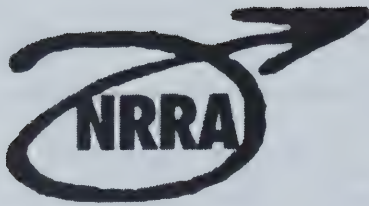
Town of Bennington, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2012	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	3000 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 305,280 hours!
Paper	50.98 tons	Saved 867 trees!



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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 32-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends**, both **regionally and nationwide**;
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits**;
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles**.

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested into programs to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 78,890 tons in fiscal year 2011-2012!



In Fiscal Year 2011/2012 NRRA assisted its Members in recycling over 78,890 Tons!

Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Bennington Conservation Commission was established in March of 1989 for the purpose of conserving, protecting, and managing Bennington's natural and historic resources.

We would like to start this year's report by recapping some accomplishments in 2011:

- The perambulation of the Antrim-Bennington Town Line was completed and documented in conjunction with Antrim Conservation Commission members.
- On April 23, 2011, our 3rd Annual Earth Day Clean-Up took place. Many volunteers came out to help clean up Bennington roadsides until the snow made the roadside litter too difficult to see!
- In September 2011, a large stone marking the entrance to the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest was placed in front of the VFW. Primarily, local volunteers did the work and the Conservation Commission would like to acknowledge Kris and Josh Stewart for providing the heavy lifting and donating the stone for the project.

2012 was an active year for the Bennington Conservation Commission. In March, Conservation Commission members, along with Selectman Phil Germain, walked the Town-owned property on Old Stage Coach Road. The Conservation Commission recommended to Selectmen that the parcel be held in conservation and be designated as "Public Lands" available for public use, with the future potential of utilizing it for expansion of the cemeteries if necessary.

On April 21st, we held the 4th Annual Earth Day Clean-Up. Volunteers met at the VFW, signed up for a road in need of clean up, picked up their blue bags, and then dispersed for litter detail. We had 48 volunteers who picked up approximately 97 bags of litter along the 18 miles of roads in Town. At noon, the Conservation Commission sponsored a barbeque to thank all those who participated. We would like to thank Monadnock Paper Mills for their annual donation toward the food expenses. We would also like to thank the Highway Department and members of the Fire Department who lent a helping hand.

The first Saturday after Labor Day each year is the Annual Bruce Edes Memorial Forest Walk. On September 8th, Joe MacGregor led this year's walk through the Forest highlighting the new trails that had been developed within the last year. What a wonderful resource the Forest is for our Town and the students at Pierce School. We encourage all Bennington residents to visit the Forest and take a hike!

Our culminating event for the year was the perambulation of the Francestown-Bennington Town Lines. Ben Haubrich, official appointee for the Francestown Selectmen, joined members of the Bennington Conservation Commission for the perambulation. This was a two-day event that began at the marker on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike, which designated the corner of Bennington, Francestown, and Deering. We ended our hike at the base of Onset Road adjacent to Crotched Mountain Ski Area.

The second day Selectwoman Betsy Hardwick joined the group. The hike began at the top of Onset Road at the marker for Francestown and Bennington. We proceeded up the face of the mountain and ended at the corner marker for Bennington, Francestown, and Greenfield near the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. Thanks to Ben's expertise, maps, and GPS, we were able to locate monuments and renew the marks on them with the current year. The previous years observed on the monuments were 1982 and 1943. It was a fun and challenging two days. A complete report with maps, pictures, and GPS coordinates will be on file at the Town Office.

Our meetings are public and we welcome townspeople to attend with any conservation related matters, issues, or questions they may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bennington Conservation Commission



Left to Right: Valerie Germain, Dawn Baybutt, John Baybutt, Phil Germain, Joe MacGregor

PLANNING BOARD

In New Hampshire, the Planning Board has several functions. Its adjudicative functions include regulation of land subdivisions, review of site plans, and regulation of excavations. Legislative functions include preparation and adoption of the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Program and recommendation of changes to the Zoning Ordinance, which take the form of proposed Warrant Articles for voter approval.

Again in 2012, the Planning Board received few applications for Site Plan Review or subdivision approval. We granted conditional approval for one subdivision and conducted Site Plan Reviews for two projects.

An application for Site Plan Review was received from Dollar General for construction of a store on two adjacent lots on State Route 202 within the Water Resource Protection Zone. The first Public Hearing was held in late March, with the sole objective of determining whether the application was complete. The Planning Board must accept an application as complete before the Site Plan Review can proceed. In this case, much of the required information was not provided, and the Planning Board therefore found that the application was not complete. The hearing was continued several times until Dollar General withdrew their application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a Variance. The Site Plan Review application was then dropped due to incompleteness and time lapse.

In September a new application for Site Plan Review was received from Dollar General and a Public Hearing was opened on October 8. At that Hearing, the application was found to be complete, and the Hearing was continued to early November. At the continuance, the Planning Board rejected the application by a 3-1 vote because of violations of the Zoning Ordinance and referred Dollar General to the ZBA. The Public Hearing was reopened and Dollar General was given the option of continuing its presentation while the ZBA considered any variance requests that they might make. Dollar General then sought to purchase a third adjacent lot, which would have allowed them to comply with the Zoning Ordinance, but determined that the asking price was too high. They then suspended their application because it would have required the granting of too many variances by the ZBA.

As the year ended the Planning Board was conducting a Site Plan Review for a small trailer-based take-out restaurant called Taste of Texas to be located on an existing concrete slab on a State Route 202 parcel.

The Planning Board worked on updating the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program early in the year. In Bennington, these two plans are incorporated in a single document called the Master Plan. Town Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Committees were asked to project their needs for the following ten years, and the Board received several replies. This effort was tabled in September, but will be revisited again in 2013.

The Planning Board has proposed six Warrant Articles for the March 2013 ballot for changes to the Zoning Ordinance. One Article proposes removing a provision that is redundant with State Law, while a second Article proposes removing a provision that is contrary to State Law. A third Article clarifies a section of the Zoning Ordinance dealing with the Water Resource Protection Zone, and the other three Articles deal with provisions concerning signage.

I would like to thank the current members of the Planning Board for their dedicated efforts: Jeff Rose, Sam Cohen, and Chris Maple, who joined the Board at our first meeting in 2013. I would

also like to thank Susan Smith, who served until December when her other commitments led her to resign from the Board. Finally, I would like to thank Jeff Rose for his service as Board Chair until he was appointed to the Board of Selectmen and who continues as *ex-officio* member.

The Planning Board is constituted as a five-member Board but now has only four members and no Alternate members. I would appeal to anyone who would like to serve the Town in an important, interesting, and sometimes challenging way to attend our meetings and consider volunteering to serve. The Planning Board meets at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of every month.

Respectfully Submitted,

David McKenzie, Chair

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

Per RSA 674:39-aa, let this communication serve as notice that any lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 shall, at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status.

The deadline for submitting the request to the governing body is December 30, 2016.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had another quiet year, with just two cases – one of which was withdrawn. The year began again with the same five regular members: Chris Clough, Sam Cohen, Barbara Moorehead, Peter Martel, and Steve Osienski and two alternate members: Melissa Clark and John Paradise. John resigned but rejoined at the end of the year so he could serve as an alternate on a case where he was needed.

At the beginning of the year, the ZBA was informed that Dollar General was inquiring about a property and had approached the Planning Board. They asked to have a joint hearing and it was scheduled for March. The applicant was seeking five variances, which were amended in April. In June the application was withdrawn and the ZBA has not received any further application for this project as of December 31, 2012.

In December, the ZBA began the process for addressing five variances requested for a takeout food service on State Route 202. As of this writing four variances were granted, one was overruled as unneeded, and the appeal period remains open.

ZBA is an all volunteer group serving in a quasi-judicial capacity, asked to review other officials' decisions and answering landowner inquiries regarding the Zoning Ordinance and sometimes even the Building Codes. This often results in one party or another not being happy with our decisions, and often times we don't always agree with each other. It can be an uncomfortable and difficult position to be in, but one that is required if we are to have a Zoning Ordinance.

Please be grateful and respectful toward all the Town's Boards and Committee members, even when you disagree with them; they put in countless hours volunteering their time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Martel, Chair

HUMAN SERVICES

2012 has continued to present financial challenges to many Bennington families. As a result, an increase in assistance from the Town of Bennington Welfare Department has been needed. Continued unemployment, underemployment, layoffs and increases in cost of living expenses have contributed to the hardships for many families. The Welfare Department and the Selectmen have responded to these needs in a timely and supportive way, as required by NH-RSA 165 and the Town of Bennington Welfare Guidelines. The Bennington Welfare budget is supported entirely from property taxes, so life sustaining needs for the impoverished are a responsibility shared by all taxpayers. Unfortunately, the budgetary cuts at the State level trickle down to the local level, causing a need for increased support by the local taxpayers.

The Town of Bennington supported 19 families in 2012, with the largest expenditure being for rent/mortgage assistance. The local shelter is not always an option due to the shelters being full and is a more expensive option compared to finding affordable housing. I have worked closely with all applicants, aiding in finding employment for some and allowing them to remain in their homes. Landlords have been willing to work with the Welfare Department assisting in the prevention of eviction. Mortgage holders are less willing to negotiate, but to date we have not had to relocate anyone who owns a home.

Part of my responsibilities as the local Welfare Administrator is administering welfare to include referrals to other community resources, supporting job searches, provide heat, housing, medication, food, electrical assistance, keeping a close review of families and the Town's operating budget. The Guidelines very clearly outline what is considered a basic need, maximum allowable amounts of assistance, as well as the Town's ability to negotiate for clients with vendors. The application process is very thorough and requires verification of the information provided.

I would like to thank the Bennington Board of Selectmen for their continued support, Dee French and Kristie LaPlante, Divine Mercy Parish, Peterborough Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Greenfield Food Pantry and the anonymous donations received for the generous support to the Bennington families during their time of need.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson, Welfare Director



Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services
Report to the Town of
BENNINGTON
2012
Annual Report

In 2012, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Bennington. The following information represents HCS's activities in Bennington during the past twelve months.

Service Report

Services Offered	Services Provided
Nursing	254 Visits
Physical Therapy	58 Visits
Occupational Therapy.....	22 Visits
Medical Social Work	14 Visits
Home Health Aide	101 Visits
Maternal and Child Health Services	11 Hours
Chronic Care.....	18 Hours

Total Unduplicated Residents Served with home care services: 33

Hospice services, geriatric care management and Nurse Is In clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

Financial Report

The actual cost of all services provided in 2012 with all funding sources is \$70,150.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2013, we request an appropriation of \$4,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services in Bennington.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145, or visit www.HCSservices.org.

Thank you for your continuing support of home care services.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The year 2012 brought us a Presidential Primary and three other elections – Town Election, State Primary, and the November General Election. Presidential years are always our busiest, as they bring more voters "out of the woodwork" than other years. Many voters who do not participate in Town elections or mid-term Congressional elections do vote in the Presidential elections.

The Supervisors were kept busy registering new voters and identifying voters who have changed their town of residence since the last election. We registered a total of 232 voters in the four elections in 2012, bringing us to a total of 983 registered voters: 222 Democrats, 316 Republicans, and 445 Undeclared voters.

Election Officials also had to contend with the new New Hampshire photo I.D. law, which required that voters already registered to vote bring a photo I.D. in order to vote. This added another layer of complexity for all. While we had few problems locally with this new system, it remains to be seen how this law will prove out as a means of preventing "voter fraud".

While the types of I.D.s that voters were allowed to bring for 2012 and the 2013 Town election are fairly broad, this list will narrow after September 1, 2013 to only five types of I.D.:

- Drivers license from any state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Armed Services Photo ID
- Non-driver photo ID issued by NH DMV
- Voter ID issued by NH DMV

The expiration date on photo IDs cannot be more than five years old

It is difficult to say whether a problem exists that warrants such strict requirements in order for people to vote. Out of some 146 million registered voters nationwide, there have been 10 cases of voter impersonation since the year 2000. Yet the risk of disenfranchising legitimate voters, especially the elderly and the poor, is real.

Those who are interested in reading more about voter fraud investigations in New Hampshire can visit the Secretary of State webpage at <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>. At the bottom right is a section entitled "*Voter Fraud Reports/Investigations*" with links to 2006, 2008, and 2010 investigation reports by the Attorney General.

There is another interesting article about election fraud here:
<http://votingrights.news21.com/interactive/election-fraud-database/>

Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Pierce Elementary School. The Polls will be open 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. Remember, we have Same-Day registration in New Hampshire. Bring a picture I.D. with proof of residence to register to vote at the polls. Even if you are already registered you will be asked to show a photo I.D. in order to vote.

We still count votes by hand in Bennington and we welcome volunteers to help. Vote counting is an interesting and rewarding way to get involved with your community. Every vote will be counted and every vote counts! Paper ballots are still the best guarantee of free open elections, as they ensure a voter-verified paper trail. All are welcome to lend a hand on Election Day

evening. Volunteer with the Town Moderator or Town Clerk if you would like to help either during the day or in the evening.

Don't forget to visit the Bennington Elections webpage if you have questions about voting, elections, etc. On these pages you can find information about registering to vote, the photo I.D. law, the Election schedule, absentee voting, previous years' election reports, links to State and Federal Election sites, and more. Please visit us at: <http://benningtonelections.homestead.com/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox
Barbara Moorehead
Victoria Turner

Supervisors of the Checklist

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

In 2012 the Water and Sewer Commissioners completed the projects at the pump station that were started in 2011, including the installation of a fire/security system. Routine maintenance was performed as needed. Everything else appears to be running smoothly.

Looking toward the future, the Commissioners feel that we should be looking into replacing water mains in the near future.

As of this writing, the dredging of the sewer lagoons is on schedule for sometime in 2014.

The Commissioners remind all that we can be contacted either through the Town Hall (588-2189), via email at watersewer@townofbennington.com, or online at www.benningtonnhwatersewer.webs.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Wilson, Chair
John Spanos
David Desaulniers

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bennington Historical Society is sorry to report the loss of one of our members, Helena Ayers. Helena was the Bennington Librarian for many years; she and her husband Howard gave the Society a Civil-War period pistol.

We received from Frank Butler, a collection of letters and other documents pertaining to his ancestor who was active in the Civil War.

Our Directors are Frank Carrara, Linda Delay, Joyce Miner, Ronald McClure, David Sysyn, Barbara Willis, Ellen Hill and Rhea Taylor. Our Officers are Arnold Cernota, David Glynn, Sandra Cleary and Catherine Conrey.

We had some interesting speakers during the year; David Sysyn on Tall Pines Camp, Jane & Mike Butler from Timeless Tools and Treasures on the subject of their antique tool collection, and Arnold Cernota explained his hobby of beekeeping.

We participated in the Town Yard Sale again this year – thank you for your contributions and help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Members of the Bennington Historical Society

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Bennington Energy Committee (BEC) was established in the fall of 2010 with the charge to help the Town find ways to save energy and thereby save money. A secondary objective is to help the Town's citizens save energy. The vision of the Energy Committee is to help the Town cut energy costs by 50% over the next decade, compared to what they would be if no action were taken. The BEC intends to examine all aspects of Town energy use, including both indoor and outdoor usage.

In the fall of 2011, Energy Technical Assistance and Planning for New Hampshire Communities (ETAP) sponsored an audit of four Town buildings: Town Hall, the Fire Station, the Library, and the VFW building. The results of that audit and suggestions for energy-saving improvements to these four buildings, including cost and payback times, were presented to the Board of Selectmen in January 2012. Through the spring, the cost-saving estimates were updated using then-current figures for the per-gallon fuel oil costs and per-kilowatt-hour electricity costs. If all of the recommended actions were taken, the Town would realize an estimated 28% reduction in fuel-oil use and a small reduction in electric power consumption, resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$5,000 per year and an average payback time of approximately five years.

In September, the Energy Committee presented the Board of Selectmen with a prioritized list of recommended near-term energy-savings steps. The highest priority was to close the VFW building from November through April, which would have resulted in an estimated fuel oil cost savings of \$2,800. While the Board of Selectmen elected not to close the building, the Facilities Committee is working on plans to insulate it as part of a general upgrade that will make it more useful for the Town. The second and third priorities were to seal air leaks in the Fire Station and to provide a direct air intake to the heater in that building; these actions are pending. The next priority was to improve the temperature control system in the Library; the Library Trustees are working on this. The final item on the list was to seal air leaks in the Town Hall. This action was given lower priority because the Facilities Committee is working on a general upgrade of the building. However, a major air leak in one of the heaters in the basement was sealed so that the upstairs areas could be heated more efficiently. In addition to advocating the above first-priority steps, we will continue to work on the other recommendations that arose from the energy audit.

In December the Energy Committee visited the Water Department Pump House to try to identify energy savings. The primary issues there are air leaks and poor insulation, which increase the cost of heating this rarely occupied building. The Energy Committee is working on recommendations and estimated cost savings for this building and will present the results to the Board of Selectmen early in 2013. Going forward, we intend to visit other Town buildings and search for ways to save taxpayer money by increasing energy efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Eppig
Peter Eppig
Peter Martel
David McKenzie

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

In the winter of 2011-2012, the Selectmen were presented with an option to purchase St. Patrick's Catholic Church. They formed a Facilities Committee to explore all of the Town's facility needs and to determine the feasibility of such a purchase. Due to restrictions the Diocese insisted on including in the deed it was ultimately decided not to pursue the purchase.

The Facilities Committee continued to audit the needs of the Town and decided to focus on the Town Hall and the VFW buildings, concentrating current efforts on the VFW. In collaboration with the Energy Committee, we are beginning our investigation of the feasibility of an upgrade to the building to bring it into ADA compliance for handicap access and to make it energy efficient, thereby saving fuel costs and creating a more functional space for a wider variety of uses by the Town.

We will continue our endeavors throughout 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Nixon, Chair
Rhea Taylor
Peter Martel
Jim Cleary

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
04/14/2012	Jamie C. Johnson Elizabeth C. Daley	Bennington, NH Lempster, NH
06/02/2012	Patricia J. Long Rebecca A. Lambert	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/02/2012	Shawn D. Clow Jennifer Mercier	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/16/2012	Matthew T. Hall Michelle A. Noke	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/05/2012	Michael G. Caisse Lisa B. Maki	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/23/2012	Natt L. Rockwell Sheila Liljeberg	New Boston, NH Bennington, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/05/2012	Madalynne Jean Danforth	Concord, NH	Jeffrey Danforth and Leticia Bastos-Danforth
02/01/2012	Asher Reid Belcher	Concord, NH	Sheena-Lee Belcher
02/13/2012	Hunter Kyle Girard	Concord, NH	Ned Girard and Jillian Chicoine
03/06/2012	Alivia Mae Lagasse	Peterborough, NH	Jason Lagasse and Corina Collier
03/29/2012	Jacob Collin Leavitt	Derry, NH	Christopher and Sarah Leavitt
04/09/2012	Brianna Lynn Fowle	Manchester, NH	Andrew and Stephanie Fowle
04/14/2012	Lily Mae Pizzuti	Manchester, NH	Adam and Nicole Pizzuti
04/26/2012	Kennedy Violet Bausum	Lebanon, NH	Ronald and Erin Bausum
07/09/2012	Jazmyn Elizabeth Belcher	Keene, NH	Thomas Belcher and Alicia Miner
10/26/2012	Harper Marie Dantes	Keene , NH	Allison Dantes
11/09/2012	Cooper Stephen Mullahy	Peterborough, NH	Jonathan and Angela Mullahy
11/27/2012	Olivia Lee Trow	Concord, NH	Douglas Trow and Kayla Chicoine
12/07/2012	Cyril Seamus Myhaver	Peterborough, NH	Christopher and Christine Myhaver

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon
Welfare Director	By Appointment Only

MEETING SCHEDULES

Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. <i>at the VFW</i>
Energy Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. <i>at the Library</i>
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. – Work Session
Recreation Committee	As needed, with proper notice
Selectmen	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed, with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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